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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

1998

January 16-17	Task Force for Annual Meeting, Ruston
January 25	UMW Sunday
February 13-14	Mid-Year Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference Center
March 21	Finance Committee, Louisiana Conference Center
March 21	Committee on Nominations, Louisiana Conference Center
April 12	EASTER
May 14-17	UMW ASSEMBLY , Orlando, FL
June 1-4	ANNUAL CONFERENCE
June 19-23	<i>West Gulf Regional School</i> , Shreveport
July 13-14	Committee Meetings
July 15-18	<i>Conference School of Christian Mission</i> , Centenary College, Shreveport
September 17	Executive Committee
September 18-19	Conference Annual Meeting, Ruston
October 16-17 or 23-24	DELT, Muriel Miller, Chair
November 14	School Committee, Conference Center
November 21-23	<i>Leadership Development Event</i> , Chicago

1999

January	<i>Task Force for Annual Meeting</i>
January 24	UMW Sunday
February	Mid-Year Executive Committee
February 26-28	<i>Conference Retreat</i> , Annette Fortuna, Chair; Fannie P. Reddix, Asst.
April 4	EASTER

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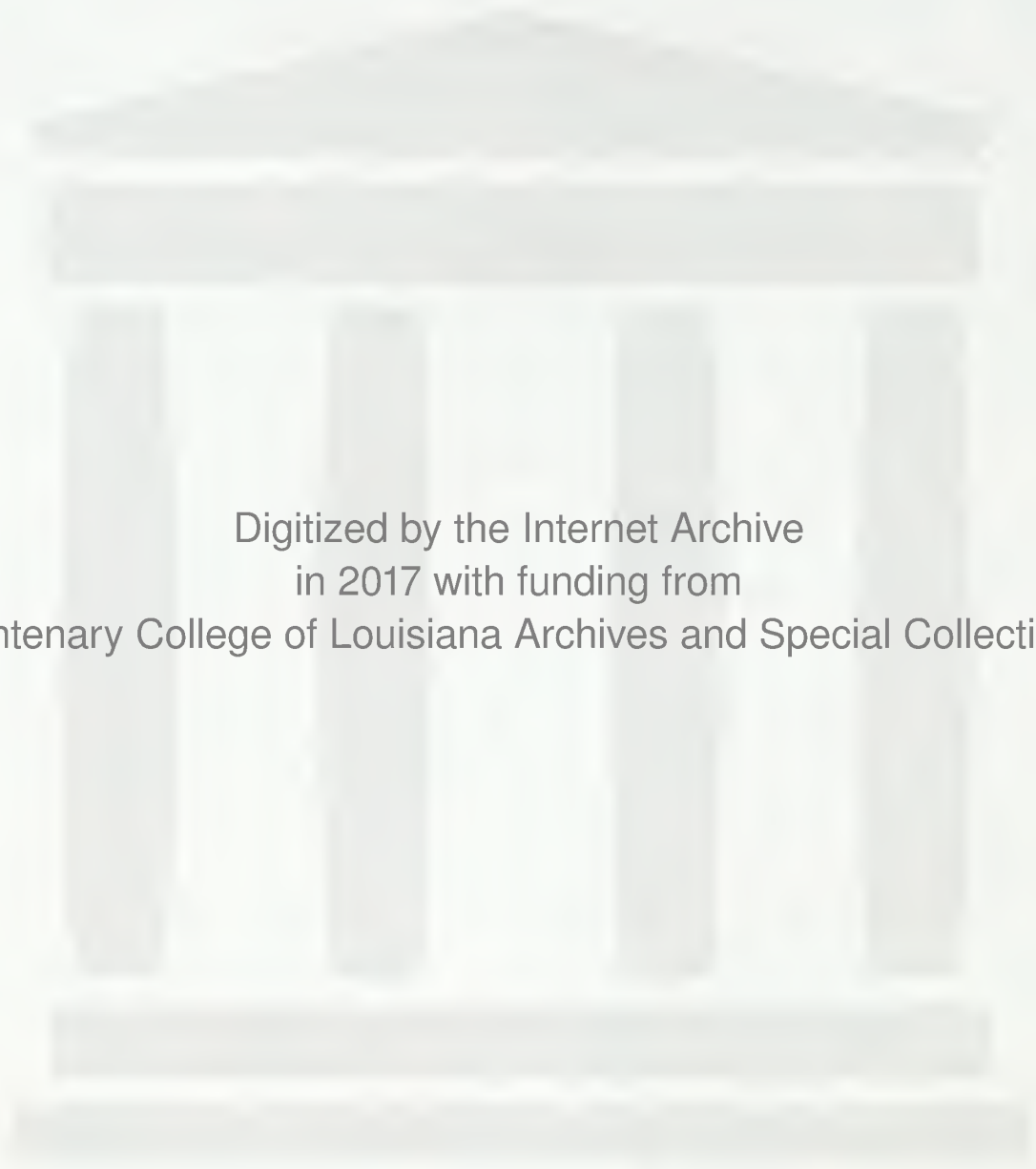
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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PAT COBB

Pat has served as president of her local unit, St. Luke's in New Orleans; president of the New Orleans-Slidell District; and is now completing four years as president of the Conference United Methodist Women. She has also served as the district and conference membership chair; district vice-president and publicity chair. She is the assistant dean of the 1998 School of Christian Mission and will be the dean of the 1999 School.

Pat is an active member of her church and the choir. She is a docent of the Botanical Gardens in City Park, serving as a tour guide for school children. She is also a driver for the *Wheels That Care* program at the Lakeview Shepherd Center.

The day before being installed as conference president, her daughter presented her with a new granddaughter in Boston. A few months later, her husband, Earl, had a stroke. And, this past year her son had a serious illness. But, through it all, with her pleasant personality and creative ways, she has been an excellent leader and a brilliant guiding light for all of us, radiating the joy and love of the Lord.

This book is lovingly dedicated to Pat Cobb.

THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

PURPOSE OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; shall engage in activities which foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement throughout the organization. (Discipline Paragraph 1317)

THE COVER

The design on the cover was taken from the Annual Meeting Program book. The theme of the Annual Meeting was "Thy Word Is A Lamp."

DEDICATION

The dedication was written by Norma S. Winegeart, immediate past conference president. Norma is currently serving as Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. She worked on many United Methodist Women conference activities with Pat Cobb.

OUR POLICY

IT IS AGAINST THE POLICY OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION TO RELEASE LISTS OF OFFICERS TO ANY ORGANIZATIONS OR COMMERCIAL FIRMS. THESE LISTS ARE PUBLISHED FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL, DISTRICT, AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ONLY AND ARE TO BE USED FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.

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Coordinator for Education and Interpretation	Frances Patton

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Conference President of UMW	Elouise Sanders
Immediate Past President	Pat Cobb
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Conference President of UMW	Elouise Sanders
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	June Sanchez

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Elouise Sanders

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Conference Audio-Visual Library committee

UMW Representative	Rita Parham
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First (315)	Ruth Waits (Mrs.), Box 523, Barksdale AFB, Bossier City	71110
Lakeview (29)	Marian Olson (Mrs.), 7124 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport	71119
Johnson's Chapel (12)	Betty Cooper, 250 E. Dudley Drive, Shreveport	71104
Mangum (78)	Sylvia Hudson, P. O. Box 344, Bethany	71007
Morningside-Cedar Grove (36)	Marge Frady (Mrs.), 7137 W. Canal Blvd., Shreveport	71108
Mt Zion (5)	R. L. Washington (Mrs.), 2940 Judson St., Shreveport	71109
Noel (79)	Daisy Snelling (Mrs.), 6135 Pine Hill Road, Shreveport	71107
Round Grove (12)	Inell Myers (Mrs. Tommie), 2573 David Raines Road, Shreveport	71107
St James (40)	Ruby Rye (Mrs.), 3017 Oak Forest Lane, Shreveport	71107
St Luke's (30)	Marilyn Hardy (Mrs.), 1823 S. Brookwood Drive, Shreveport	71118
St Paul (47)	Ramona Gibson (Mrs.) P. O. Box 897, Shreveport	71162
Summer Grove (90)	Virginia McConnell (Mrs.), 3013 Meriwether Road, Shreveport	71108
Zwolle (15)	Patricia Walsh (Mrs.), P. O. Box 333, Zwolle	71486
Jewella (22)	Lillie Robinson (Mrs.), 4116 Robinhood, Shreveport	71109
North Highlands (80)	Wanda T. Simons (Mrs.), 3836 Cornell Drive, Shreveport	71107

1998 BUDGET
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

PLEDGE TO MISSION	\$260,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	
A. Travel Expense: (Insurance, Lodging/Meals, Mileage) Executive & Other Committees, for Interconference Events & Responsibilities & Church Related Meetings	5,500.00
B. Resources: Officers	350.00
Resources: Service Center Mailings (3)	90.00
C. District Administrative & Membership Development	17,705.00
D. Jurisdiction A & MD (1% of Pledge)	2,600.00
E. Schools of Christian Mission	
1. West Gulf Regional	7,500.00
2. Louisiana Conference	12,000.00
F. Program & Events Within Louisiana Conference	
1. Annual Meeting	1,500.00
2. District Elected Leadership Training (DELT)	2,000.00
3. Retreat 1999	0.00
G. Attendance at Regional & National Events	
1. National Assembly, 1998 (Cumulative 4 Years)	2,300.00
2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 2000 (Cumulative 4 Years)	600.00
3. National Seminar, 1998 (Cumulative 4 Years)	300.00
H. Operating Expenses	
1. Conference Directory	2,800.00
2. Newsletter (Printing & Bulk Mail)	7,000.00
3. Postage	750.00
4. Office Supplies & Printing (Copying)	850.00
5. Telephone	200.00
6. Audit for 1997	1,800.00
7. Honors and Memorials	250.00
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	300.00
I. Church Women United	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL A&MD BUDGET FOR 1998	<u>66,695.00</u>
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 1998	\$326,695.00

DISTRICTS	ACADIANA	ALEXANDRIA	BATON ROUGE	LAKE CHAS.	MONROE	NEW ORLS.	NORTH SHORE	RUSTON	SHREVEPORT	CONFERENCE	TOTALS
CHANNELS OF GIVING : PLEDGE	19,000.00	26,500.00	39,000.00	41,500.00	29,000.00	42,640.00	21,500.00	30,000.00	47,000.00	260,000.00	
UNDESIGNATED											
Pledge to Mission	13,500.44	21,833.60	32,640.23	31,902.20	23,409.17	29,156.32	13,755.26	19,703.87	34,295.63	1,745.63	221,942.35
Special Mission Recognition	1,580.00	1,750.00	3,610.00	3,080.00	2,520.00	1,859.00	1,840.00	1,310.00	3,940.00	2,710.00	24,198.00
Gift to Mission	615.00	235.00	513.86	1,284.90	690.00	360.00	950.00	287.22	1,030.00		5,965.98
Gift in Memory	340.00	200.00	555.00	663.00	350.00	320.00	610.00	255.00	655.00	10.00	18,801.85
World Thank Offering	1,894.97	1,920.66	1,724.98	3,719.84	1,481.16	1,081.98	1,657.37	1,852.87	3,468.02	100.00	18,801.85
Conf Mission Candle	911.70	673.36	1,688.06	1,569.65	1,079.73	1,210.38	844.91	1,164.74	1,368.10	100.00	10,610.63
Conf Mission Ribbons	526.00	556.00	797.00	684.00	391.00	581.00	493.00	214.00	948.00	(1,045.00)	4,145.00
Conf Relief Officers	135.00	140.00	270.00	438.00	132.50	86.96	110.00	210.00	215.50		1,737.96
Unused A&MD Returned		300.00	501.59		911.70				260.04		1,973.33
TOTAL ON PLEDGE	19,503.11	27,308.62	41,789.13	43,341.59	30,053.56	34,655.64	20,280.54	24,987.70	45,920.25	3,620.63	283,334.10
								Less A &MD (Retained/Reserved)			283,334.10
								TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE			246,765.78
DESIGNATED:											
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	1,741.36	880.52	2,184.16	1,705.86	1,178.10	1,362.33	1,056.15	1,260.80	2,043.25		13,412.53
Supplementary Gifts:											
General Missions:											
Brighter Future	10.00		50.00	100.00	50.00		202.14	20.00			432.14
Scarritt-Bennett Center			5.00								5.00
World Mission-Undesignated	25.00				23.32		12.00				271.32
Doretha Brown	335.00										335.00
Amity Press			50.00	195.00			20.00				285.00
Salary - U-Branch											100.00
Salary - Markay											100.00
National Mission-Undesignated	25.00				63.75	25.00					113.75
Dulac	165.00	550.00	605.00	1,030.00	522.75	225.00	240.00	525.00	680.00		4,542.75
Dulac School Supplies								25.00			25.00
Dulac Library Books								275.00			275.00
MacDonnell's	175.00	400.00	675.00	930.00	350.00	318.75	468.59	600.00	630.00		4,547.34
MacDonnell's Greeting Cards									35.00		35.00
St. Mark's Community Center	135.00	220.00	925.00	300.00	256.25	435.00	237.50	525.00	640.00		3,873.75
St. Mark's Street Academy				567.50							567.50
Soc St. Andrews-Pedro Proj			35.84								35.84
Heifer Project			25.00								25.00
UMCOR-Undesignated						162.50	85.00		9.00		256.50
Sager Brown	35.00	10.00		435.80	335.00	200.00	10.00	150.00	410.00		1,585.80
Sager-Brown Flood Relief				600.00							600.00
Sager-Brown Library Books	20.00						15.00	336.00			356.00
Sager Brown/Postage-Korea				90.00							106.00
Flood Relief - Midwest			210.00								210.00
LAOS, Inc.			18.00								18.00
North Korean Relief							40.00				40.00
Crusade Scholarships	25.00								8.00		33.00
Conference A&MD Gifts	656.00	526.00	851.00	683.00	414.00	375.25	493.00	404.94	1,212.00		5,615.19
Conference Center				300.00	150.00	232.25	400.00	100.00	125.00		1,307.25
Conference Directory	57.00	16.00	81.00	73.00	44.00	10.00	27.00	44.00	92.00		444.00
Estelle Dameron Scholarships		85.00	50.00	87.50	70.00	85.00	134.00	35.00			546.50
TOTAL DESIGNATED	3,404.36	2,687.52	5,765.00	7,087.66	3,457.17	3,642.08	3,440.38	4,300.74	6,084.25		39,879.16
Transient Gifts	50.00			100.00		350.00	88.00	100.00	144.00		832.00
TOTAL GIVING 1997	22,957.47	30,296.14	48,065.72	50,539.25	34,422.43	38,647.72	23,788.92	29,398.44	52,408.54	3,520.63	334,045.26

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1997**

	Mission Funds Undesignated (Conf A&MD)	Reserve Funds Designated By Conf Exec	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Cash in Checking Account				
Bank One - Natchitoches	17,603.76	8,400.00	975.00	26,978.76
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				
Restricted Funds (By Donor for Within Conference)				
1. Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund			651.00	
2. SCJ Assembly Scholarship			300.00	
3. Transient Designated Funds (To Be Distributed Within Conf)				
a. MacDonell's Children's Services			<u>24.00</u>	
			975.00	975.00
Reserve Funds				
(Designated by Conference Executive)				
1. 1998 National Assembly (Cum. 4 Yrs.)		6,900.00		
2. 1999 National Seminar (Cum. 4 Yrs.)		600.00		
3. 2000 Jurisdiction Meeting (Cum. 4 Yrs.)		600.00		
4. Conference Assembly Scholarship		<u>300.00</u>		
		8,400.00		8,400.00
Mission Funds (Undesignated - A&MD)				
1. A&MD Funds Held in Reserve For:				
a. 1998 A&MD Gifts + 1997 Interest	6,387.58			
b. 1997 Audit Payable	<u>1,800.00</u>			
	8,187.58			
2. A&MD Funds Retained for Budget 1st Qtr.	9,030.58			
3. Other Funds to Be Disbursed/Remitted:				
a. Program Resource Sales Funds	385.60			
(Payable to Service Center after receipt of statement showing return credit)				
	<u>17,603.76</u>			<u>17,603.76</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				26,978.76

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW - 1997
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

	1997 BUDGET	EXPENSES & CREDITS	BALANCE
A. TRAVEL (Incl. Insurance, Lodging & Meals)	5,500.00		
1. Insurance		(837.70)	
2. Lodging/Meals: Executive Committee		(894.96)	
3. Committee on Finance		(149.25)	
4. Committee on Membership Nurture		(179.00)	
5. WFMW Meeting		(292.64)	
6. Mileage: Executive Committee		(588.00)	
7. Committee on Finance		(431.09)	
8. Committee on Membership Nurture		(237.12)	
9. WFMW Meeting		(126.00)	
10. Committee on Standing Rules		(15.34)	
Total Travel	5,500.00	(3,751.10)	1,748.90
B. RESOURCES: Officer	350.00		350.00
Service Center Mailings	90.00	(60.00)	0.00
C. DISTRICT A&MD	17,705.00	(13,766.25)	3,938.75
D. JURISDICTION A&MD (1% of Pledge)	2,600.00	(2,600.00)	0.00
E. SCHOOLS OF CHRISTIAN MISSION:			
1. West Gulf Regional	7,500.00	(5,831.58)	1,668.42
2. Louisiana Conference	13,000.00	(7,217.86)	5,782.14
F. PROGRAMS & EVENTS IN LA CONFERENCE			
1. Annual Meeting	1,500.00	(929.87)	570.13
2. DELT	4,000.00	(2,900.03)	1,099.97
G. ATTENDANCE AT REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS:			
1. Assembly 1998 (Cumulative 4 Years)	2,300.00	(2,300.00)	0.00
2. Jurisdiction 2000 (Cumulative 4 Years)	600.00	(600.00)	0.00
3. National Seminar 1999 (Cumulative 4 Years)	300.00	(300.00)	0.00
H. OPERATING EXPENSES:			
1. Conference Directory	2,000.00	(2,708.35)	(708.35)
2. Newsletter (Including Bulk Postage)	6,500.00	(6,584.31)	(84.31)
3. Postage	1,000.00	(311.02)	688.98
4. Office Supplies & Printing (Copying)	850.00	(678.04)	171.96
5. Telephone	400.00	(23.16)	376.84
6. Audit for 1996	1,800.00	(1,800.00)	0.00
7. Honors and Memorials	400.00	(450.00)	(50.00)
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	500.00		500.00
I. CHURCH WOMEN UNITED	300.00	(300.00)	0.00
TOTALS	69,195.00	(53,111.57)	16,655.66

EXPENSE GUIDELINES
Louisiana Conference Executive Committee
(Amended 9/15/95)

United Methodist Women recognize the need to be an inclusive group and to have elected leaders who represent a diversity of age, race, economic background, and status of employment. To make this possible, a Budget for Conference Administration and Membership Development is approved annually to provide expenses for those chosen to serve in leadership positions. The following guidelines for reimbursement (along with the Conference Budget) seek to expand the concept of what it means to be in mission.

Expense vouchers are available from the conference treasurer and **must be filled out in full** when applying for reimbursement and submitted to the conference treasurer and approved by the conference president and secretary. Expenses for specific meetings should be turned in at the close of that meeting, if possible, or not later than the next week. Expense vouchers should be submitted within the quarter which the expense occurs when possible. **All possible receipts must be attached to expense vouchers.**

Leaders are advised to submit all legitimate expenses for doing their job well. If someone cares to donate supplies or services which normally would be covered under these guidelines, please submit a voucher for those charges and then endorse the check (or refund part of it) directly to the conference treasurer.

Conference officers are asked to pay their own registration fees to Conference events without reimbursement. They are often expected to pay their own room, meal, and travel expenses and then submit the receipt(s) with a voucher applying for reimbursement. If this arrangement causes personal hardship, a cash advance to cover expected costs may be requested from the conference treasurer.

Every call, letter or written announcement of upcoming events requiring "official participation" of conference leaders shall mention further specific plans for financial arrangement(s) not delineated herein (such as whether the individual leaders will pay or sign for meals and lodging).

The following limitations should be noted:

A. Travel Expenses

1. **Thirteen (13) cents per mile shall be allowed for travel by car.** When a minimum 10-seat van is occupied by at least six (6) or more people in a car pool, mileage will be paid at a flat rate of twenty-five (25) cents per mile.

To encourage car pooling, officers will be paid an **additional two (2) cents per mile for each additional rider in a car or mini-van.** When district and conference

Travel Expenses (Continued)

officers travel together with expenses provided expenses provided by their respective organizations, they shall submit pro rata shares of the expenses of these groups. Riders other than district and conference officers must assume their share of the expense.

2. Lodging may be reimbursed at a rate **up to \$10.00 per person per day**.
3. Meals may be reimbursed at a rate **up to \$12.50 per person per day** (to be divided between meals as desired). Meals for events that are **less than one day** will be reimbursed at a rate **up to \$2.50** for breakfast, **\$5.50** for lunch, and **\$7.00** for dinner.

B. Officers Resources

Materials which are necessary for information and execution of your job (such as Service Center publications) may be purchased and become the property of the Conference organization. Most of these materials should be maintained in the files you keep and pass on to successors. Utmost care should be taken that we do not needlessly duplicate materials which cover overlapping concerns of other leaders.

C. Operating Expenses

Postage, office supplies, copy charges, long distance telephone charges, and other miscellaneous charges are allowable. Receipts for these expenses are to be attached to the voucher. The use of professional secretarial services and large numbers of xerox copies are discouraged; and prior approval is required for these expenses.

D. Dependent Care Subsidy

A Dependent Care Subsidy plan was adopted April 25, 1992. When a member of the Conference Executive Committee (elected or appointed) is required to attend Annual Meeting, Conference School of Christian Mission, Regional School of Christian Mission, Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting, District Elected Leaders Training, or a Women's Division Workshop, she **MAY** be paid a Dependent Care Subsidy up to \$30.00 per day for hired care required for children 12 years of age or under/or for an invalid (ill, handicapped, blind) parent/spouse/or other dependent person residing in her home -- providing this is an absolute necessity and that no other family member or friend is available to do this for her.

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE MEETING
FEBRUARY 14-15, 1997**

The Mid-Year Executive Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women was held at the Conference Center in Woodworth, LA. After a short get acquainted activity, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pat Cobb, President, presided.

Members present: Jean Rockhold; Maxie Garrett; Doris Brown; Ethel Lilly; Rosalie Pryor; Muriel Miller; Margie Morrish; June F. Sanchez; Norma Winegeart; Carolyn Colvin; Jo Traweek (VP-Monroe); Eloise Cox; Kathleen Phillips; Lois R. Heath; Rita M. Parham; Jeri Dommert; Jane Eubanks; Betty Pope; Annette Fortuna; Betty Tripp; Gwen Streams; Nancy M. Carruth; Marie Young; Harriette T. Elrod; Joan Miller; Evelyn Evans; Hilda D. Sills; Pat Cobb and Fannie P. Reddix. Absent: Joyce Hazel; Nell Hayes; Christine Coleman; Gail Epperson and Judy Greer.

Our prayers were requested for several of our UMW members/family members who are recuperating from various illnesses and accidents. Nell was involved in a freak accident; Patty Lindsey had surgery; Joyce Hazel has the flu; Mary Quinones's Aunt Grace fell and broke her shoulder; and Gladys Prillerman's elderly parents (mother had a stroke) are ill.

Pat announced that a board had been placed in our meeting room for us to jot down concerns that any one had, (that would make our conference better) and didn't want to discuss publicly. She also requested that we think about what we could wear to the Assembly in 1998 that would identify us as a Louisiana delegation. The Women's Division wants feedback on how Conference UMW have managed to continue the workshops and Membership development, in spite of the moratorium they have on in-conference workshops, due to budgetary cuts. The questionnaire will be distributed later in this meeting. Pat also asked for suggestions in compiling her Pre-Conference Report that is printed in the Louisiana Annual Conference Journal Report. Each board and agency of the conference is asked to submit these reports for Annual Conference. For the past few years, she has written the report herself. A recipient for the SRMP will be discussed later, at this meeting. She distributed Mary Quinones's finance reports for the last quarter to the elected officers and district presidents.

Carolyn Colvin mentioned that one of her officers' husband had died; Nancy Carruth said that she was told by Seola that Rev. Cleveland Quaid died. Hilda Sills said that Marilyn Ray's mother was funeralized in December. Pat said that James Evans was quite ill.

After the preliminaries, Pat lit the candle which signifies that all that we say and do is done with the presence of Christ in our midst.

Get well cards were passed around for Nell Hayes, and Gail Epperson. In Memory Gifts to Mission were sent in memory of Lottie Palazzo's husband, Pete; Marilyn's mother, Erelene Bradford; and Hubert Blanchard.

Before the meditation, Gwen Streams asked Pat Cobb to pray for the persons who are ill, or recuperating and for those of us who are trying to do God's work.

Gwen Streams' meditation was based on the sixth chapter of Micah from the Life Application Bible, and King James Version, and an article in the Bible Study section of the Response Magazine by Gwen White. Gwen selected as her title, "Expectations of Christ." As she quoted Micah 6:1,8--"Listen to what the Lord is saying to his people: to be fair, just, merciful, and to walk humbly with your God"; She asked that we continue to take care of our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities.

Marie Young and June Sanchez were appointed to examine the minutes.

Correspondence: Thank you cards were received from Lusinda Warren, and Donna Bergstedt, who participated in the Mission Education Event at Dulac. Donna's card was one of the recycled cards made by the children of MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services, Inc.

Grace Wiggins has been volunteering at Sager Brown's with a group of volunteers from Minnesota, in the Library. A Headstart program will be using this facility. There will also be a tutoring program for the pre-school children. The books that they have received from schools, and individuals, were discards, and were well worn. They also received hundreds of new books but only two were about African American Children. She asked that we would assist in getting new books, with pictures and stories featuring African American Children as well as other Ethnic emphases or money to purchase them.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the group that the district presidents should promote this project in their districts. Pat will write a letter in response to this request, and a letter to the district presidents and an article to Nancy for the newsletter.

The minutes were approved as mailed.

SECRETARY: Fannie Reddix reported that since her last report she has been engaged in the following: DELT--with six out of nine counterparts in attendance.(five were new); prepared a tentative schedule for the 1997 School of Mission; attended the Special Ministries Meeting in December and Convocations of Boards in January; task force meeting of 1997 Annual Meeting; and UMW Sunday

worship at her church. She has corresponded with the district presidents and counterparts. Her plan is to distribute the Annual Directories at the Conference Retreat.

Pat said she had copies of the 1996 directories to give those who wanted them. She will bring them to the meeting tomorrow morning.

REPORTS FROM LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT (LTE)

Annette Fortuna--Annette reported that the 1996 Annual Meeting was a great opportunity for her in serving as the chairperson of this event. It was an awesome responsibility and at times a bit overwhelming, but she grew mentally, and spiritually because she was given this task. She said it was the team that made it all possible.

In October, she trained six of the nine counterparts at DELT in Alexandria at Newman UMC. One of the goals that they set for 1997 was to be serious about personal and spiritual growth. She was the speaker for the Monroe District Annual Meeting.

In November, she attended the Leadership Training Event in Chicago. This was a wonderful experience, and she was very proud to be a Conference Officer of such an organization. Her feelings were best expressed by a scripture found in Corinthians 12:12 & 18-20. --"Our bodies have many parts, but the many make up only one body when they are all put together. She said God has made many parts for our bodies and has put each part just where he wants it.

She also attended the Conference School Planning Meeting at the Conference center in November.

In January, she mailed the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial packets to her counterparts, and also reminded them that each would be responsible for a mediation for the booklet and a devotional at School of Mission. She spoke at St. Luke-Simpson UMC in Lake Charles for two services; and will speak at Chatham UMC. She will not attend the Conference Retreat, because of a Mission Trip with her church to Jaurez, Mexico.

Evelyn Evans--This was her second time to attend New Officer's Training Event. The first time she went to New York; however, being in Chicago was better. She liked the food, the music and the training. Her only complaints were that she had to walk quite a bit in the hotel to the meeting sites, and there wasn't enough snow. Evelyn said that after all of the training, she still has no idea of when her treasury reports are due to Women's Division.

Norma S. Winegeart--Said that it was a privilege to attend the officer's training event in Chicago in December. She was able to

go for a second time, as the chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. Finding the new Constitution and Bylaws available was great. It was also good to share information with people from other conferences across the nation.

Norma had the experience of meeting the new Women's Division President, Sarah Shingler. Upon seeing her in a wheelchair, she assumed that she was handicapped. It turned out that Sarah had broken her ankle. Her husband was with her and pushed her where ever she needed to go.

Rita Parham--Rita expressed her deep appreciation for the opportunity to attend this event. She said that everything that Women's Division, United Methodist Women plans is so perfectly well done. The job training helps you to gain knowledge that is valuable to this organization and transcends all parts of life. A cheer that she learned is as follows: **Step up; step back; turn yourself around. We are women --Yea! We are giving-- Yea! We are growing--Yea! We are Living --Yea! (repeat)**

She looks forward to continuing to perform her duties and share what she has come to understand and win other women to this great organization.

Betty Tripp--Betty expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to attend Leadership Training Event in Chicago. She thought she would find a lot of snow in Chicago, but there was more in Dallas. She was impressed with the number of young women attending. Everyone got their materials and worked as a team on everything. She felt that team effort was the most important thing she learned at LTE. The leaders were very informative and helpful.

Pat distributed a valentine to each of us. She also mentioned that she wrote to our new President of Women's Division, Sarah Shingler, to invite her to speak at one of our Annual Meetings. Sarah responded that if we could change our date in 1999, she may be able to come, therefore, Pat suggested that maybe she could come September 24 and 25, 1999.

It was properly moved by Norma Winegeart and seconded by Carolyn Colvin that we accept Sarah Shingler as our 1999 Annual Meeting Speaker, September 24 and 25. The place has yet to be decided.

PRESIDENT --Pat Cobb has had a very busy schedule since the Annual Meeting. Her activities are as follows:

<u>October 8</u> - "Pep" talk with ladies of Rayne Memorial UMC.	<u>October 19</u> - DELT
<u>October 12</u> - N. O. Dist. Annual Meeting	<u>October 20-22</u> - Mission Education Event-Dulac
	<u>November 8</u> -Bishop's Dinner, N. O.
	<u>November 16</u> - School

Committee, Conf. Center

November 18 -A New Grandchild

December 7 - Board Members' Training by GBGM, Waveland, MS

December 10 - Installed St. Matthew's UMW Off.

December 14 - Help organize El Mesias UMW

January 11 - Annual Meeting Task Force - Dillard University

January 12 - St. Mark's visit from Women's Division

January 16 - St. Mark's Board Meeting

January 17 - District UMM's Dinner

January 19 - Spoke at Slidell UMC for UMW Sunday

January 23 - MacDonell's Board Meeting

January 24-25 - Convocations of Boards, Conference Center

January 26 - Spoke at Gretna UMC for UMW Sunday

January 30 - Dulac Board Meeting

Pat showed us a sample of her basket weaving that she learned at the Mission Education Event at Dulac.

Pat said that we need to have a prayer chain in motion. She realized that fact when Lottie's husband died on Christmas Eve and it was difficult to get the word out.

A sheet was circulated to get the name of the Conference Officers who would be going to the Bishop's "Hands on Mission Event" at Sager Brown, February 21-22.

Doris Brown and Marie Young are planning to attend the Global Gathering.

Pat said she had a request from COSROW to speak at our Annual Meeting in September. It was the consensus of the group that this was in order.

On Tuesday, February 25, the Resource Center will have a meeting and Rita Parham will represent us.

VICE-PRESIDENT. Hilda Sills reported that since the last meeting, she has attended the following meetings: October - DELT at Newman UMC; N. O. District Annual Meeting; Installed Mount Zion UMW Officers. November - SCM Planning Meeting - Conference Center. December - In Delaware, she brought greetings from our

Conference to the Delaware's Conference UMW Christmas Luncheon. January 11 - Annual Meeting Task Force - Dillard University in New Orleans; participated in UMW Sunday Program at Mount Zion.

At the last meeting, the person who was suggested as the 1998 Assistant Dean of the School of Mission declined the invitation, however, she was able to get a confirmation from Emily McCoy.

Hilda said she has also found someone to do the ribbons. She asked if it would be okay to reduce the size of the lamp so that the Bible could also fit on the ribbon.

She said that the Task Force meeting was quite a success with all members present, however, June Sanchez (came from her district team meeting) arrived while we were at lunch and thought our meeting was over. The theme selected is, **"THY WORD IS A LAMP."** The Scriptures are **John 1:1, and Psalm 119:105.**

The speaker is **Dianna Masters** from Women's Division who lives in DeSoto, Texas. She has received pertinent information about her and a black and white photo. All of the committee chairpersons have been selected and confirmed. Letters were sent to all of the ministers to serve as Communion Celebrants. The Ministers are: Reverends Carole Cotton-Winn, N. O. District Superintendent; Randall Campbell; Gregor Dike; Marva Mitchell; Wesley Reagan; John Winn, Jr.; Ellen Blue, and Helena Wright-Butler.

Members of the administrative staff at Dillard University were disappointed to learn that they will not host the banquet. The banquet will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Kenner, LA. Lottie Palazzo is serving as Co-Chairperson and Fannie P. Reddix as secretary. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, at 4:30 p.m. at her home.

Members in attendance were Kay Dupuy, Evelyn Evans, Annie Lincoln, Rita Parham, Mary Quinones, Fannie Reddix, Evelyn Martin, Hilda Sills, Lottie Palazzo, and Pat Cobb. June Sanchez came while we were at lunch and left.

Hilda Sills said that she just received a communication from Educational Tours, Inc. about a Wesley Heritage Tour. If anyone is interested, she will share that information with them.

TREASURER Evelyn Evans reported that we made our 1996 pledge to mission by just \$280.31. This is something to rejoice about, but we need to be concerned that undesignated giving was down by 3.5 percent. When the finance committee meets in March, she said they will address ways to increase the giving.

She has sent a total of \$2,450.00 undesignated for Special Mission Recognition Pins. Women's Division has authorized a commemorative pin celebrating the 25th Anniversary of United Methodist Women. This sterling silver pin will cost \$50.00, and a limited number of pins will be available beginning in March. Local units should be made aware of this.

Each district has been sent one-half of their Administrative and Membership Development Budget funds for 1997 for a total of \$8,852.50. The January issue of the newsletter was printed and mailed for \$2,338.91. The checking account balance as of February 1, 1997 was \$16,418.78.

Evelyn announced that the Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 1997 at the Conference Center, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 2:00 p.m. An agenda will be mailed to the members.

RETREAT Doris Brown, Chairperson said that she is really excited to have the opportunity to chair this retreat. She said retreats have always been a special time in her life; it is such a rich time to grow spiritually. One-hundred and fifty have registered as of this date; only thirty more to come. The theme is "Christian Women: Living as Sisters." She has been in touch with Rev. Leslie Aiken, who will lead the retreat. Doris said that Leslie is planning the program format, and did share that the Focus would be, "Sisters, Strokes, Splashes and Spills." Leslie will be using the scripture, Ruth 1:16-18, and will be breaking us up into small groups.

District presidents have been asked to assist in getting persons from their district to serve. The retreat begins after dinner on Friday and ends on Sunday at Lunch. The budget indicates that the retreat will be self-sufficient: with total income projected at \$1260, and expenses of \$869 leaving a balance of \$391. Registration will be from 3:00 to 5:00, with dinner at 5:30-6:30 and the first general session beginning at 7:00 p.m. Music will be provided by Larry and Yvette Weatherton.

REGIONAL SCHOOL Gwen Streams, representative from Louisiana reported that the West Gulf Regional School Dean is Cathie West from Texas Conference. The Staff Consultant, Andris Salter from Women's Division presented the 1997 schedule:

1. Plenaries - first thing in morning - with classes following.
2. Focus groups (emphasizing membership) will be staffed and

planned by Women's Division. Pat will be sent more information at a later date.

3. A Mini-Retreat will be planned by Women's Division. (Annette said that all Spiritual Growth Coordinators will lead another conference for the Mini-Retreat)

4. Opening - Regional School Theme is: "Visioning Justice & Hope."

Studies: Christians Living in a Violent Society
Joshua and the Land
Brazil

5. Gwen will be in charge of the Brazil night celebration. She will need help!

6. Louisiana's responsibilities: Joshua -Learning Display and Meditation for the book (not more than 2 pages typed) Picture for promotion of resources of a person from the LA Conference (Rita will probably coordinate); Ideas for Logo.

There will be no shuttle bus service before noon on closing day. No box lunches will be prepared. No Smoking in the Dorms.

Regional School Nominations: The following persons were nominated by the Executive Committee: Rita Parham and Annette Fortuna.

Focus Groups- Persons who are in the pattern to attend Regional School were asked to sign up for their choice.

CONFERENCE SCHOOL Harriette Elrod, Dean, gave the following report: The 1997 School Theme is "Visioning Justice and Hope." She said we are fortunate to have Mary Lou Blakeman to present the study, Joshua and the Land. Study Leaders for Brazil are: Rev. M. C. Cady, Mrs. Emily McCoy, Rev. Dr. Alonzo J. Campbell, and Rev. Clifton Conrad. Study leaders for Christian Living in the Midst of a Violent Society are: Rev. Philip Woodland, Mrs. Lois R. Heath, Rev. Dr. Joe Elmore and Mrs. Billye L. Elmore.

The same topic is used for the children. The study leaders for the children's study are Jackie Campbell and Bonnie Daniel. Bonnie will coordinate local activities with appropriate scheduling. The school team assignments are: Assistant Dean, Joyce Hazel; President, Pat Cobb; Vice-President, Hilda D. Sills; Secretary, Fannie P. Reddix; Treasurer, Evelyn Evans; Registrars, Gail Epperson and Jan Randolph; Meditation and Worship, Annette Fortuna; Hospitality, Marie Young and Muriel Miller; Newsletter, Nancy Carruth; Publicity, Rita Parham; Local Arrangements, Patty Lindsey and Carolyn Colvin; Resource Room, Gwen Streams; Nurse, Vera Bulloch; Music, Juanita Ivie and Gloria Hygh.

Dawn Norris, Centenary College Coordinator, has met with the school team and predicts that room assignments will be much easier without the construction work limiting access, as it was last year.

DELT Norma Winegeart, Chairperson. Norma said when she was asked to be the chair for DELT '97, she was given the dates of October 24-25 and was told "this is the year we have an overnight meeting."

She has reserved the Conference Center for a maximum of 100 people...as there are 10 elected officers times 9 districts make 90, plus the Conference team.

But, she has a question to the need of a two-day meeting. She did not attend DELT this past fall, because of a family reunion and out-of-state company at her house. She did not know until after the meeting was over that Jan did not attend either, and so there was no one to meet with the Committee on Nominations. There is a vice-chairperson who could have come had she been contacted.

She also heard that some who attended commented that they received the same printed matter, they had received the prior year. We really need to give the officers who attend, something worthwhile to take home with them. This is up to the Individual Conference Officers.

District officers need to attend DELT, in order to train the local officers in their districts. If a two day event is what the body wants, Norma will be happy to plan it.

The district presidents are responsible for getting their officers to attend DELT, and it is the responsibility of the Conference Officers to have something worthwhile to share with their counterparts.

Lois Heath said that the evaluation forms from the previous DELT did not indicate any of the comments that have been discussed today. She said that the only comment was, that they did not have enough time in the room. The evaluation form should be filled out so that the committee can use them to make the necessary adjustments.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Executive body that a one-day DELT would be sufficient for this year. Anyone who has to travel more than four hours, can come the night before.

Pat said we will try to promote by Conference Annual Meeting that all District Presidents should submit the names of their nominated slate, so that the counterparts can communicate with them about DELT.

THERESSA HOOVER AWARD - (A Community Service Award) Everyone was asked to submit the names of possible applicants, if we have any, and get the application forms from her. This award is given annually to help any young woman between the ages of 21-35, without

regard to race or nationality, who has demonstrated concern for her neighbors and community, shown that concern in service to her community, and exhibits an awareness of the total nature of our responsibilities in today's world.

GREEN PAGES AWARD- Pat said that this is highlighted in the Response Magazine in the Environmental Section of the magazine. She has received application forms. This award is for women in the United Methodist Church who are doing inspiring and important work on environmental justice issues. They will profile the work of this individual in the Green Pages environmental section of the Response Magazine. She has the applications forms, for those need them.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION PIN- It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to give the Commemorative Silver Award Pin to Lottie Palazzo, rather than the regular SMRP. There is a limited number of these pins that will be printed, commemorating the 25 years of United Methodist Women.

MEMORIAL GIFTS Nancy Carruth is working with the Memorial Gifts for the Conference Center. There was a question about an amount of money that was pledged by North Shore. Jane Eubanks, the new District President, will check into the matter and get back with Nancy. Pat said she tried to check on the pledges for memorials and hasn't gotten it straightened out. Nancy said that no plaques, names or inscriptions will be made until all details about any memorial-in-question, are complete.

NEWSLETTER -Nancy Carruth, Editor. She said that two of the districts did not submit all of the labels: New Orleans and Alexandria. Because of this, she had to send 5 copies of the newsletter to the local presidents. The post office is still making it difficult for all recipients to get their newsletters on time. The deadline for the School of Mission newsletter is March 28, 1997. The deadline for the Annual Meeting is July 1, 1997.

Evelyn Evans, Treasurer, said that all monies (housing, meals and registration) for the School of Mission will be sent in with the registration form this year.

This information will be placed in many places in the newsletter. Nancy cautioned us that if too much information is placed in the newsletter when we have the retreat, then the cost goes up.

Pat asked for suggestions to be placed in the pre-conference report, and a prayer chain. After a discussion of how a few members work their communication chains. Marie Young and Annette Fortuna will work formulating a line of communication for the prayer chain.

There was a brief discussion about getting something to identify the Louisiana delegation at the 1998 Women's Assembly in Orlando, Florida. Rita Parham will get a logo, Muriel Miller will investigate what we can wear.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Norma Winegeart, Chairperson, submitted the following report: "According to the Bylaws of United Methodist Women in the Conference (Article IV, Section 4, b. 4.) --the committee shall make the slate of nominees available to the Executive Committee and then to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting in which the election is held."

Norma said, "this means that the Nominating Committee must submit the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee in time to meet the Newsletter and thirty-day deadlines." Inasmuch as the Executive Committee does not meet between February and July this may put a bind on their time-line. They were told that they could not do this in connection with Regional School, since the district presidents are not present there. She wondered whether written communication to each member of the Executive Committee would be acceptable.

They were also told that they should not meet while the Executive Committee met separately, they should be there to observe and evaluate, and get acquainted with potential nominees. The Committee on Nominations requests that their committee have a separate one-day meeting in the Spring of the year. If this is approved, then it should be included in the financial planning for next year.

The Nominating Committee also attends the School of Christian Mission at Conference expense--again to evaluate and observe. Norma suggests that the committee should also serve and assist wherever possible during School of Christian Mission.

Another duty of the committee is to present a report of term and tenure of current officers. She submitted the report on one of her suggested forms with some of the information filled in. Members of the Executive Committee were asked to fill in any missing information, or make corrections. The final copy will be filed with the secretary.

She added Doris Brown and Kathleen Conrad at the bottom of the form, as our representatives to Women's Division and South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group. And, Gwen Stream's membership on the West Gulf Regional School Planning Team is included by her name.

It was moved by Norma Winegeart and seconded by Rita Parham that the Nominating Committee meet at a separate time.

At 9:45 p.m., it was moved by Annette Fortuna and Seconded by

Maxie Garrett that the meeting would be adjourned until Saturday morning.

Saturday morning, 8:10 a.m.

The morning meditation was given by Betty Pope, based on a legend about St. Valentino.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH -- Annette Fortuna, Coordinator. This report was given along with report of the Annual Meeting.

SOCIAL ACTION -- Muriel Miller, Coordinator. Muriel reported that she participated in numerous activities, which were related to social justice. The Women's Division has emphasized taking a stand on legislative issues which will affect women and children. Her counterparts were mailed correspondence regarding Head Start, school lunches, gun control, land mines and the environment. She and her counterparts contacted their legislative representatives and have received positive responses.

During the recent election campaign, there was a UMW drive to have a "100% Vote" on the part of all Methodist Women in the United States. She prepared and displayed information on this drive at the Conference School and the Annual Meeting. At DELT, she assisted Nell Inman, Board of Church and Society, to distribute materials on Bread For the World, which requested an action by the local women.

Muriel also participated in the Mission Education Event at Dulac in October. She made several telephone calls to various churches regarding the Peace with Justice Journey of the missionaries, and made reservations at the Conference Center for this event. The turnout at this event was very small due to the inclement weather.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION -- Marie Young, Coordinator. Marie attended DELT in October, and encouraged all of her counterparts to attend. They discussed the new structure, name change and the current certificates for studies. The Excellence of Studies requirements for the certificates is a minimum of four hours participation on two or more studies with attendance of 50% of the original group. There must also be an outgrowth described for each study; hopefully this will increase the participation of the units in the studies. The reporting form for the studies will be filed with her complete report.

Her office is promoting attendance at School of Christian Mission by women, men, children, teen, college age, etc., which represents Undesignated Mission Giving Money in action.

She also attended the Finance Meeting in Alexandria in November, worked on the budget, and Conference School Committee meeting at the Conference Center. Marie plans to attend the Global

Gathering in Kansas City which is scheduled for April 9-13, as a guest of the Women's Division, and the Regional School of Christian Mission in Abilene, TX in June.

She was a part of the Mission Education Event composed of 23 UMW ladies from all over the conference which met in Dulac on October 23-25, 1996. This was an inspiring event for her; the fellowship, work to do, the prayers, and good food gave a new outlook on Mission. As an outgrowth, each district is asked to have a Women's Mission Project. The Monroe District plans to send 20 ladies to Dulac in May. She also made four visits to different units to discuss the studies and the work of Education and Interpretation.

MISSION EDUCATION EVENT - Reflections by Marie Young. Her expectations were: to learn what is to be done; be able to come back to the group and share ideas and ways to help; and be uplifted, have fellowship with new people and pray.

She learned a lot more about the Native American Peoples in the Dulac Community. The most meaningful part of this experience for her was the fellowship and teamwork as they carried out their roles in the Mission For Education Event. This experience has expanded her understanding of Mission. Her concept of mission has been expanded into more doing, sharing, Living God's Word, not only overseas, but in her own community.

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH Harriette Elrod, chairperson reported that this year at DELT, they had a specific need to clarify the new job description. Since this has been her primary task, the attached sheets were prepared. (all nomination forms and membership materials will be filed) The group formulated a calendar of what is due and when. This information was given to all of the counterparts at DELT. The "WOMAN IN MISSION" is an annual award with a form for nomination to be issued to each unit.

Harriette Elrod indicated that she hasn't received any new material since DELT. She is always promised information from Women's Division, but never receives it. She asked that the Membership Nurture and Outreach Committee have time to meet and talk about ideas and ways to carry out the campaign and to formulate a letter to Women's Division about our concerns.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the executive committee that a meeting will be held at the Conference Center April 26, 1997 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Doris Brown, our new Women's Division member will inquire about the membership Nurture & Outreach information. She will be meeting with the Women's Division soon.

PROGRAM RESOURCES Gwen Streams reported that the Program

Resources will be back on track with the School of Mission, but those who attend the Retreat will see many new books available to add to their reading program. She has the new Financial, Constitution and By-Laws handbooks. Each conference officer was given their office handbook. (These will be passed on to the new office holder). There is a Caring Connection Calendar which replaces the large Children's Prayer Calendar. She will also have the children's pocket calendar and adult prayer calendar available at the Retreat.

Gwen encouraged all to celebrate UMW's 25th year anniversary by having a huge birthday party to display the new UMW Resources. She loves the Bible study and Book Review sections of the Response Magazine. The new free resource materials are abundant, and will be available at the School of Mission. All district counterparts are urged to help in the book room during Conference School of Mission.

After a discussion about the certificates for the Reading Programs, it was the consensus of the executive committee that the District Program Resources persons would send in the **organized** forms. The certificates would be signed at School of Mission.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR Rita Parham reported that this year's Learning Center will celebrate mission and UMW's New Structure. She said that Members will become changed as in Romans 12:2. --"Be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect."

All of the districts were to begin January 1, 1997 implementing the new structure, with the local units beginning January 1, 1998. The Learning Center will also highlight the 1997-98 Mission, Reading Program and the Louisiana Tradition of Mission.

Each district will select an envelope with all of the details about the display they have chosen. Each district is encouraged to accept the display assignment as an opportunity to be creative and participate in an important part of the Mission Education experience.

Rita also passed out some forms that the district presidents were to complete, concerning their mini-schools.

Rita has been busy with the news releases to the LA Methodist Reporter/Net Worker, and the UMW Conference newsletter. She shared two pages of photos in the January issue of the conference newsletter, capturing Mission In Action around the conference. She attended the planning meeting of the Annual Meeting Task Force in New Orleans, spoke to her local unit on UMW Sunday and taught the Multicultural Study at Robert's UMC. She did not participate in the Bishop's Hands on Mission Event, but managed to get a few

photos, she will share later.

She made a big pitch for going on-line and mentioned that there are a number of churches in Louisiana that have home pages. She enjoyed the training she received at the recent Leadership Training Event, where she learned about the General Board of Global Ministries Home pages. Rita is excited about the Web pages and hopes that our units will move into this world of technology. She said that this may be a way to attract the younger women, who are into technology.

She will set up a Walk in History, where all of the pictures she has on hand can be identified and then she will put that information with our rich UMW history.

It was suggested by Fannie Reddix that displays on the special programs, certificates, etc. would be placed in the Learning Center at Conference School.

HISTORIAN Judy Greer was absent.

STANDING RULES Jean Rockhold reported that the new structure for this quadrennium necessitates some reevaluating of job assignments. Section 2, Conference Guidelines were revised in 1994. The omission of two offices and combining of two calls for several adjustments. The Secretary for Financial Interpretation has been deleted, and those job assignments could go in several directions. Those related directly to finance could go the treasurer, and the ones that state "Interpret, and Christian Global Concerns could go to the Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

The new Membership Nurture and Outreach can assume some of the work of the former Membership Coordinator: membership enlistment and cultivation and organization of new units; and some of the duties of Supportive Community. Several coordinators should promote the Reading Program, even though the Coordinator for Spiritual Growth handles the Reading reports.

It was brought out that the Program Resources Secretary handles the Reading Program with the new structure.

When Jean's committee meets in the Spring, they will make a careful study of the functions of the deleted and/combined offices to determine which office should handle each phase of work.

Jean taught the study on China and Hong King; was a speaker for UMW Sunday at Bernice UMC and participated on the UMW program at her church.

ACADIANA DISTRICT--Kathleen Phillips reported that all of her district events will be held at Sager-Brown Center in Baldwin, LA. She said a revision of their 1997 pledge to the Conference was revised downward from \$19,000 to \$14,000 to more accurately reflect

the actual amount received from local units in 1996. Several of her units in the district have decreased their pledge for 1997. They are looking forward to 1997 with enthusiasm and a renewed spirit to serve the cause of Mission.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT--Betty Pope reported that 1996 was a good year for her district. Their Annual Meeting was well attended with 23 units represented, ten of their district officers attended DELT and approximately 100 ladies participated in LELT. The major emphasis at the leadership training events was the implementation of the new structure. She said that ladies from three churches in her districts participated in the Mission For Education Event at Dulac in October and returned with great enthusiasm for mission work.

Their calendar has been planned with special emphasis on contacting churches without units and also helping the struggling units. Their spiritual day is planned for April 5, which should encourage more participation in the Reading Program. Betty is planning to attend the Bishop's Hands on Mission Event at Sager Brown and the Conference Retreat.

MONROE DISTRICT-- Jo Traweek, Vice President attended the meeting in the absence of Christine Coleman, who is recuperating from a fall. Jo reported that the Monroe District had a good attendance at DELT, LELT, Conference Annual Meeting and their district Annual Meeting. They have planned their calendar for the year, and everything seems to be running smoothly.

NORTH SHORE DISTRICT-- Jane Eubanks, President said that she feels like she has stepped out in faith to a job that requires time and responsibility to fulfill an already full schedule. Their Mission Team is committed and are working hard to iron out some problems from the past. They had a wonderful Retreat, with Rev. Carl Rhodes and his wife Ann; a spiritual Day Apart at Fitzgerald United Methodist Church.

They are proud of the fact that 107 women were involved in the reading program, which was an increase over last year. They sent 10 boxes to Sager Brown for Liberia. Their new goals for the year are to improve communication skills, and to work together to meet obligations and reports on time.

She also included District 1997 events: Retreat- March 8; Mini-School - August 23; Annual District Meeting - October 4 and LELT - November 8, 1997.

Pat asked if Jane had the president's report, which she did not. Pat will contact Gail at a later date, about the report.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT -- Margie Morrish had to leave, and Evelyn

Evans read her report. The Alexandria District had a good attendance at the Conference School of Christian Mission. Their display for the Learning Center was on "Living In A Multi-Culture Society." They also furnished cookies, punch and games for the fun night; and gave the Friday morning praise on "John Wesley."

The District Mini-School was held at Horseshoe UMC with Rev. Steve Caraway leading the study on China, and Jude Geiger leading the studies: "John Wesley" and "Living in a Multi-Culture Society." Thirty-four ladies from the district attended Conference Annual Meeting in Monroe. Their District Annual Meeting was well attended, with Muriel Miller installing the officers.

Three of the ladies attended the Mission Education Event at Dulac in October. The executive team planning meeting is scheduled for February 22, 1997. Margie spoke at two churches on UMW Sunday and was a guest at another one. She also had a wonderful DELT.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT-- Jeri Dommert, President reported that Lake Charles District finished a good year in the last quarter under the leadership of the outgoing president, Nell Hayes. The Annual Meeting was held at Henning Memorial UMC, with Joyce Hazel as the speaker, Seola Callahan recognizing the retiring officers and Betty Carlin installing the new officers. More than ninety members attended annual meeting.

The new feature of combining annual meeting and LET on the same day worked very well. Almost everyone stayed for the entire program. The executive committee voted to increase the district pledge for 1998 and to work very hard to meet the 1997 pledge. Two units who previously had not pledged have started pledging. Membership is being promoted under the leadership of Ruth Johnson, and they are looking forward to a promising year. Guidelines were drawn up for each sub-district leader with suggestions for encouraging participation.

The number of Certificates of Excellence exceeded the previous records set, and also Five Star Giving. Twenty-three of thirty-six units met requirements for Five Star Giving honors, and more member received certificates for the Reading Program. Two churches qualified for the Supportive Community Recognition, one of them was the conference honoree. They are very proud of the work done at St. Luke's in Lake Charles.

Jeri said that under the old accountability program in Louisiana's schools, teachers were asked to list the things for which they were willing to be held accountable. Her number #1 was to "see" every student as a person every day. As the new president of this district, she reaffirms the goal of striving to "see" people and units individually and to serve as needs arise.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT - June Sanchez reported that the New

Orleans District completed the program year with a reported district membership of 1,470, even though some of the members relocated to other districts. Marilyn Ray went to the Baton Rouge District. The District Annual Meeting was highlighted with a message on "Come To The Fountain" by Rev. Randall Campbell, Pastor of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, the meeting site. Mrs. Irene Reed, a devout United Methodist Woman, was honored for her years of leadership and dedicated service.

Margery Freeman and Rev. Gregor Dike hosted the informative Local Elected Leaders Training (LELT), which was held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Lottie Polazzo, Rev. H. A. Harrington, Jr., and the men of St. Matthew United Methodist Church sponsored a festive District Christmas Luncheon.

The year ended with sadness in the loss of Lottie Polazzo's husband, Pete Polazzo, and Marilyn Ray's mother, Erlene Bradford, a dedicated United Methodist Woman of the Baton Rouge District.

Many of the local units observed UMW Sunday, and some served as the main speakers. The district looks forward to a fruitful year in 1997.

RUSTON DISTRICT - Maxie Garrett shared that one of her officers, Kitty Defreese, submitted two book reviews that were published in the Response Magazine. Kitty also had an article in the Bright Lights' section of the Response Magazine. Maxie said that this has been an enlightening, rewarding and sometimes frustrating experience. Many commendable things were accomplished during the year, but there are areas of improvement which the Mission Team will address.

She represented UMW at a board meeting of Ruston Children's Home in October. The district Fall Meeting was held at Haynesville United Methodist Church. The new officers were installed, retiring officers were honored and the deceased members were remembered. The guest speaker was Rev. Terilynn Russ, Minister at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Calhoun.

Eight of her district officers attended DELT; LELT was conducted at Springhill UMC and three district members attended and participated in the Mission Education Event at Dulac.

The Mission Team met in November where goals were set, the budget was adopted, and activities for the year were planned. The Constitution and By-Laws and Handbooks were ordered for the district officers.

Maxie has received the Annual Evaluation Report from all of her units. She attended the Ruston Council on Ministries, and also

serves on the Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation Board. She will teach the study on John Wesley, several times in the next few months.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT - Carolyn Colvin, President, reported that since the Executive Meeting in September, she has attended and participated in the following: Shreveport District Annual Meeting, where Kathleen Conrad was the speaker; DELT, LELT, District Executive Committee Meetings; Church District Nominating Committee; Church Women United; Church District Council on Ministries; Spoke at Homer UMC, and Bayou Scie and Many on UMW Sunday Celebrations; District Mission Banquet and Annual Meeting.

Three of the ladies from the district attended and participated in the Mission Education Event at Dulac.

An exciting event has been put together by Norma Winegeart, "A Mission Trip" to UMW missions in Louisiana. They will go to Sager-Brown on Thursday, having a tour and lunch at the Conference Center on the way to Sager-Brown; spend a night there, and then travel to MacDonell's and Dulac on Friday, and return to Sager-Brown for the night. On the return trip to Shreveport, they will tour either Avery or Jefferson Island. There will be some hands-on helping and plans have been made to collect greeting cards to take to MacDonell's.

The district prepared a UMW calendar of events, due dates, etc., and shared those with the executive committee.

St. Mark's Community Center: June Sanchez reported that at the January 16, 1997 Board of Directors' Meeting, they were introduced to the staff. NOMADS who were working at St. Mark's and a neighborhood center were guests at the meeting.

The Family Day Care staff is recruiting new providers for the program, and the staff is trying to increase the number of providers from 142 to 172. Carver Day Care has received a Community Block Grant of \$40,000 to help support the 1997-1998 academic year.

Street Academy will be receiving \$68,000 from Baptist Community Ministries starting in July 1997, to hire a social worker. A \$2,900 grant will provide a drama/theater program for the students. Summer States will work with the students. The Youth Development program has a computer lab with 13 computers. A \$15,000 Community Block Grant has been received to help develop "Jobs - Jazz - and Technology" with the teenagers. The Jazz Band marched in the Thoth Mardi-Gras parade.

The NOMADS work team is building a learning/sewing center at the People's Community Organization at St. Ann and North Claiborne Avenue for the Sewing/Women's Multi-Generational Project.

\$65,860 has been received to do home repairs through the Ameri-Corps Program. The commitment is to repair a minimum of 23 homes which qualify under the Minor Home Repair for elderly or disabled homeowners.

Gregor Dike and the board of directors need continuous prayers, moral support, and financial assistance to provide quality service to women, youth and children.

Charter for Racial Justice: Pat Cobb reported that on last year we gave a Promise Award and two honorable mentions. She is asking that each district inform their local units to submit their nominees by June 30 to her. She asked that they should consult the past publications about the requirements, application form, and reporting forms. Each district president is asked to promote the "Promise Award" in their publications, meetings, etc. The applications will be reviewed at the Charter For Racial Justice Meeting prior to Conference School of Christian Mission, to determine the awardees. The form will have a rating scale which explains how the total points are derived.

Special Presentation on Mission Education Event: Muriel Miller gave a slide presentation of the Mission In Education Event Hands-On-Missions activities. She explained each slide. This presentation can be used by any unit; simply contact Muriel Miller.

The Global Ministries Calendar for March, has pictures of ZoAnna Verrett, wife of Rev. Kirby Verret, Pastor of Clanton Chapel in Dulac. She teaches a Christian Pre-School as well as being native of the area.

Marie Young asked for our prayers, because she will be undergoing surgery and treatment for her illness, very soon.

Pat attended a meeting at MacDonell, and indicated that everything seems to be going smoothly.

Pat said that donating books to any of the institutions we have mentioned this week end, would certainly be in order.

The brainstorming board - No one had any special concerns that were not covered in the regular meeting, however, Jane Eubanks asked that when meetings are scheduled, that a beginning and ending time always be included.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Examiners: Marie Young
June Sanchez

Fannie P. Reddix
Secretary

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 16, 1997

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women meeting was held in a small room of the cafeteria at Centenary College. The Executive Meeting was called to order immediately after the Pre-School Committee Meeting ended at 6:30 p.m. At the beginning of the meeting, Pat lit a candle to illuminate the presence of God.

Members present: Evelyn Evans; Harriette Elrod; Annette Fortuna; Betty Pope; Gwen Streams; Jane Eubanks; Kathleen Phillips; Muriel Miller; Kathleen Conrad; Rita M. Parham; June F. Sanchez; Jeri Dommert; Norma Winegeart; Carolyn Colvin; Jean Rockhold; Nancy M. Carruth; Hilda D. Sills; Pat Cobb and Fannie P. Reddix. **Members absent:** Margie Morrish; Christine Coleman and Maxie Garrett.

The opening Devotion was led by June Sanchez. It highlighted the fact that women have always followed Jesus and worked toward the kingdom of God. All participated in the songs: "Alleluia," "Where He Leads Me," and "He Has the Whole World In His Hands."

Appointment: Hilda Sills and Jane Eubanks were appointed to examine the minutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting was accepted as printed.

There was no correspondence, however, Pat sent an **In Memory Gift** to the widow of Dick Anders, who passed in May. Mr. Anders was very helpful in assisting the School Staffs of the Annual Conference Schools of Christian Mission at Centenary College. Pat said she noticed that a tree has been planted outside the Smith Building on the campus, in memory of Mr. Anders. Also a scholarship fund has been started in memory of Dick Anders.

Cards were circulated for Margie Morrish, who has recurring heart problems and Marie Young who continues to have cancer treatments.

President: Pat Cobb reported that she received a communication from Sue Johnson, who has a new title, position and new telephone number; however she is still located at Scarritt Bennett. Sue is now the Executive Secretary for Leadership Education in the Women's Division. Sue's business cards were distributed to the committee. (Pat circulated a bag of sweet treats to assist in having a sweet meeting.)

Pat gave out the Assembly packets for the District Presidents, with a note attached. Our Conference has reserved a block of 45 rooms at the Best Western Plaza International Hotel for the Women's

Assembly, May 14-17, 1998 in Orlando, Florida. The rooms will be held until January 20, 1998. Assembly promotion will be done at Annual Meeting and anyone who needs one can get them there.

Pat distributed to the officers a copy of Joyce V. Hamlin's Evaluation Report of United Methodist Women, The Conference in Mission, January 1995 - December 1995. She asked that each officer to peruse the report and highlight pertinent information at the next meeting.

Vice President: Hilda Sills reported the following on the Annual Meeting: The Task Force for the 1997 Annual Meeting has had the following meetings: January 11, March 11, May 7 and June 28, 1997. The next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 1997. The time and place will be at Dillard University in New Orleans. The Agenda of the Meeting was approved by the former president of Dillard, Dr. Samuel Dubois Cook. The new president, Dr. Michael Lomax has been informed of the Annual Meeting activities. The banquet will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Kenner on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Lunches and Continental Breakfast will be at Dillard University. The Mission Ribbon is teal green with silver print and design.

The Theme is **"THY WORD IS A LAMP"**; the scriptures: **John 1:1-5 and Psalms 119:105**. The theme hymn is **"THY WORD IS A LAMP" #601**.

The logos for the Annual Meeting program book and Mission Ribbons were designed by Sybil Boseman. The ribbons are being printed by Minnie Williams, owner of Crown Promotions of New Orleans. The greeters will wear gold stoles with a green badge.

All participants have been notified, and many committees are working and the others are waiting patiently for the appropriate time. A tentative program is attached to this report and will be filed. The program agenda will be published in the August Newsletter.

Goals: The 1998 Louisiana United Methodist Women Goals are as follows:

1. In 1998 we will strengthen our Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission by:
 - a. urging at least two children of each district to attend.
 - b. by providing financial assistance for teenage girls to attend.
2. We will continue to work toward the year 2000 to increase certification in the areas of:
 - a. Reading Program
 - b. Excellence of Studies
 - c. Charter For Racial Justice Policy (Promise Award) and
 - d. Membership (Women in Mission Award)
3. We will strive by the year 2000 to meet our Conference

Pledge to Mission by restoring our pledge to the level of \$300,000 as it was in the year of 1995.

Hilda said that she received a communication from Gloria Blacklock, newly elected Vice President of the Women's Division of General Board of Global Ministries, about the World Federation Area Seminar. She also received a communication about this seminar from Joyce Sohl, Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division. Gloria in her communications urged the vice presidents to attend and contact the district vice presidents so that they can urge local vice presidents to also attend. The World Federation Methodist and Uniting Church Women North American Area Seminar will be held in Blackstone, Virginia, November 20-23, 1997. The registration deadline is September 15, 1997; cancellations will not be honored after October 1. Registrations should be sent to: Mrs. Gloria Blacklock, Registrar; 41 Rodan Drive; Vergennes, IL 62994. Her phone and fax number is 618-568-1816.

In her last year as a member of the West Gulf Regional School Nominating Committee, Hilda reports that Gwen Streams was elected to serve as Secretary of Program Resources for 1998.

Hilda has been very active since the last executive meeting, attending meetings, conferences, and the retreat.

She said the chairperson for the 1998 DELT is Muriel Miller. An assistant will be named at a later date; the two possible dates for DELT are October 23-24 or October 16 -17, 1998. She also asked that the district presidents would consider changing their District Annual Meetings to be held before the Conference Annual Meeting. The 1999 Retreat --Annette Fortuna, Chairperson with Fannie P. Reddix, as Assistant; the dates are February 26-28, 1999.

Pat shared a few comments about having District Annual Meetings before the Conference Annual Meeting. At the Regional School, she learned that several conferences had their district meetings before the conference annual meeting. Some of the advantages are: the district budgets are adopted and the new officers are elected. The new officers' list can be given to the Conference Officers so that they can communicate with them before DELT.

However, this may pose a problem for the districts that have combined their efforts by having the Annual Meeting and LELT on the same day; Those districts will not have had the training at DELT. This is not something that can be done over night, therefore the target date of implementation is the year 2000.

Gwen Streams asked that persons from New Orleans assist her in transporting the left over books from the School of Mission to New Orleans for the Annual Meeting.

After a brief discussion about bus transportation during the Annual Meeting, the following was announced: The bus will leave the hotel on Friday morning for the Annual Meeting, and return after the meeting is over at Dillard. The bus will also leave the hotel on Saturday morning to go to Dillard University and return to the hotel at the end of the meeting. On Saturday, those persons who ride the bus will not have to go to lunch on the campus, a bag lunch and drink will be provided on the bus.

Treasurer: Evelyn Evans reported that the budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting. The Finance Committee met this afternoon and recommended that a \$300 scholarship be given to someone to attend the Women's Assembly in 1998. This money will come from the surplus, since the offices have decreased from 13 to 11. For each Assembly the Jurisdictional gives the conference a \$300 scholarship for someone to attend the Women's Assembly. This means that we will have two \$300 scholarships to be offered for the 1998 Women's Assembly. Pat said that she will write the criteria for the scholarships. The scholarships are open to anyone in the conference. She will send the district presidents a copy of the criteria to be used in selecting the recipients. Candidates must submit a written essay telling why they would like to attend, and be willing to share some of the information they will glean from the Assembly at the following Annual Meeting.

The registration is \$100 for the Women's Assembly.

Assembly 1998. It was suggested that all of the district presidents would promote the Assembly at their mini-schools and other gatherings.

Conference Logo. Muriel Miller, and Gail Epperson prepared sample collars and vests which would range in price from \$10.00 to \$40.00. The vote was as follows: Collars: round - 7; V-collar - 8; and square - 1. It was the consensus of the committee, that Muriel Miller, Gail Epperson and Jane Eubanks should select the color, etc., and present it at the Annual Meeting. Rita Parham distributed a price list of Tee Shirt transfers, novelties, etc., from Georgia Honore, Honore's Engraving; 295-007 or 295-0030 Fax.

Dean/Membership: Harriette Elrod reported that eleven Estelle Dameron Scholarships were awarded. She said that this is the first time that we have a husband and wife who are also ministers and a mother and daughter as recipients. The recipients are: Robin Clark; Tanza Clark; Toni Gilboy; Brenda Kirste; Susanne Landry; Rev. R. Bradley Laycock, Jr.; Lucendia Mulberry; Debra Peplow; Rev. Letitia Smith; Delores Streams; and Joyce Thompson.

The school committee met at the Conference Center at 10:00 a.m. on November 16, 1996. Those in attendance were: Harriette Elrod, Dean; Joyce Hazel, Assistant Dean; Dawn Norris (Centenary College Representative); Vera Bulloch; Pat Cobb; Carolyn Colvin;

Evelyn Evans; Annette Fortuna; Patty Lindsey; Mary Quinones; Hilda Sills; Gwen Streams and Marie Young.

The 1997 theme is "**Visioning Justice and Hope.**" The study leaders are: **JOSHUA** - Mary Lou Blakeman of Monroe; **BRAZIL** - Emily McCoy of St. Martinville; Rev. Clifton Conrad, Sr. of Lafayette; Dr. Alonzo Campbell of Baton Rouge; and Rev. M. C. Cady of Blanchard; **CHRISTIANS LIVING IN THE MIDST OF A VIOLENT SOCIETY** - Dr. J. Philip Woodland of Baton Rouge; Lois Heath of Baton Rouge; Dr. Joe Elmore and Billye Elmore of LaMesa, CA. These devoted and capable leaders are tremendously appreciated by our committee.

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Woman in Mission. Harriette presented the ballot with the names of the finalists for the Women In Mission Award. After listening to them, a vote was taken. The winner of the award is Linda Knight Theriot.

District Annual Meetings. Because of the Bishop's Initiative, most of the districts changed the dates of their Annual Meeting. The corrected dates will be published in the August Newsletter.

DELT - Norma Winegeart, Chairperson made the following report: At Mid-Year the Executive Committee voted to have a one day meeting. But, those from the North Shore and New Orleans areas wanted to be able to come early. There will need to be a "criteria" for those coming early. Six rooms have been reserved with four to a room. Those who come early will be expected to assist with the registration and "greeting."

There is a large "federal" meeting on the calendar for the Conference Center that same day. The training sessions may be held in "rooms" that are simply "dividers" in a larger room--where you can hear other people talking. A request was made for 11 "break out" rooms with one table & chairs for 10 in each. A large room was not reserved for the entire group--perhaps we could meet at noon and save a little money, and moving time.

Norma spoke with Debbie Taylor at 1-888-633-8469 on March 25th. She also contacted the Conference Center on Thursday, June 10th. Six rooms for 24 people will cost \$31 each person (includes 3 meals). For the other 76 it will cost \$9 each for lunch. A contract will be sent 45 days in advance--September 10, 1997. She said we will need to be definite about the rooms by then. We can

give a more exact number of attendance by October 15 (needed by committee by October 11). Eleven groups (offices) should have about 10 in each group. A poll was taken at this executive meeting of the time needed for each office, and the results were: Full time period - Pres. Vice-P. Treas. SG. SA. CC. and Mem. Part of time period - Sec. EDI. PR. and CoN.

Norman and Fannie will work on the Interest Groups for the officers who only need part of the time period.

A letter and flyer were given to the District Presidents with more details about their responsibilities concerning DELT. DELT is scheduled for October 25, 1997- Conference Center 9:30 - 2:00.

Committee on Nominations: Norma Winegeart submitted a copy of the Committee on Nominations Report at the Regional School Executive Meeting. The nominees are as follows:

Re-election for two years:

Program Resources - Gwen Streams

Communications - Rita Parham

Election for two year term:

President - Elouise Sanders

Secretary - Carolyn Colvin

Education and Interpretation - Frances Patton

Membership Nurture & Outreach - Brenda J. Canty

Committee on Nominations - Class of 2001:

Fannie P. Reddix

Alice Irving

Remaining in office for one more year:

Vice-President - Hilda D. Sills

Treasurer - Evelyn Evans

Spiritual Growth - Annette Fortuna

Social Action - Muriel Miller

Chair of Com on Nominations - Norma Winegeart - Class of 1998

Members of Committee on Nominations:

Ethel Lilly - Class of 1998

Joyce Hazel - Class of 1998

Eloise Cox - Class of 1999

Rosalie Pryor - Class of 1999

Betty Tripp - Class of 2000

Gail Epperson - Class of 2000

THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT will be held November 21-23, 1997 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel O'Hare in Chicago. The meeting will begin on Friday and end at noon on Sunday. Elouise, Carolyn, Frances, Brenda, Fannie and Alice will be eligible to attend--at Women's Division expense.

Standing Rules: Jean Rockhold reported that the committee met at Jonesboro UMC, May 8, 1997. Members present were: Billie Adams;

Hessie Watson; Norma Winegeart; and Jean Rockhold, Chairman.

The purpose of the meeting was to make the necessary adjustments in the Guidelines deemed necessary because of the new structure. Changes and or additions were mostly name and title changes. The complete report will be filed, and will be included in the Standing Rules and Guidelines Booklets. (Last Year each officer was given a Standing Rules and Guidelines booklet to remain with the office holder.)

Hilda recommended that the committee would insert a statement "to include the **previous** Annual Meeting Chairperson to the current Task Force of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee."

It was moved by Hilda D. Sills and seconded by Fannie P. Reddix that the previous Annual Meeting Chairperson be included on the Task Force of the current Annual Meeting Planning Committee.

The mission Ribbons will be the responsibility of the treasurer, however, she can delegate the task.

Newsletter: Nancy Carruth reported that the newsletter is at the printer's and will be ready for the first week of August mailing.

Conference Retreat Center. Nancy Carruth reported that the Conference Center has discovered that the Conference United Methodist Women has paid sufficient funds to have the name placed on one room. The North Shore District UMW has also furnished a room.

Charter For Racial Justice: Pat Cobb, Chairperson reported that the Committee met last night. Three of the committee members were absent. Four applications were submitted for the Promise Award. Of the four applications, the three highest scored almost the same number of points. The award and two honorable mentions will be given at the Annual Meeting.

REGIONAL SCHOOL: Gwen Streams said being on the West Gulf Regional School Planning Team has been an exhilarating experience for her. She thanked all of the persons who helped and specifically Pat for the Brazil night celebration; Rita sent a picture for the resource room; Annette did a beautiful meditation and Fannie read scripture. It has been a great team effort and being on the team, you just have to get involved. The West Gulf Regional School will be held at Centenary College in June, 1998. The Regional School has a team that will give us the details of who will do what for the school. Gwen will attend a Regional School Team Planning Workshop in November at Scarritt Bennett.

Hilda Sills reported that the West Gulf Regional Nominations Committee did not elect anyone from our conference to replace her

because they said that they wanted to give some of the conferences a chance who haven't had anyone on the team in three or four years.

It has been the policy of United Methodist Women to present a Special Mission Recognition Pin to newly ordained clergy women and newly consecrated Diaconal Ministers at the Annual Meeting. This year The Annual Conference started a new category--whereby Diaconal Ministers could be ordained Deacons. Pat wanted to know should we give them a pin, even though we have already given them a pin? It was moved by Nancy Carruth and seconded by Carolyn Colvin that we give the five dollar Gift To Mission in honor of the newly ordained Deacons.

Change in starting day of the week for School of Mission.

This year Harriette encountered some difficulty in securing study leaders. She shared some information about the School of Mission in Mississippi with Pat. Pat prepared a survey form to be distributed at one of the plenaries. The choices will be to start on Wednesday and end on Saturday, or start on Friday and end on a Monday. If the school votes to make a change, will the School Committee be ready to implement it? The Executive Committee felt that if Centenary College could accommodate us with the change, we could implement it.

The date of the School Committee Meeting will be in November and the persons involved will be notified of the date. The Annual Meeting Task Force Meeting will be January, 1998. Maxie Garrett, Chairperson, Kitty Defreese, Assistant.

The Finance Committee meeting will be March 21, 1998 at the conference center.

Annette Fortuna told us about this special Membership Retreat that the Women's Division is working on now. As soon as it is ready she will send a copy to each District Spiritual Growth Coordinator. She said it can be done for a few hours or a day, on the district as well in the local units.

Carolyn Colvin told us the following persons have died in the last couple of months: Clarice Tyson, a former district officer in April; Patsy Washington, a former district officer was buried last week; and Ann Wilson, Linda Sheppard's sister was buried today.

After joining hands in a circle, Pat dismissed us with a prayer. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Examiners:

Hilda D. Sills
Jane Eubanks

Fannie P. Reddix, Secretary

Minutes of Call Meeting
Executive Committee Meeting
July 18, 1997
8:15 p.m.

A call meeting of the Executive Committee was held in one of the rooms of Centenary's Student Union Building in order to discuss the logo that the Louisiana United Methodist Women would wear at the 1998 Women's Assembly in Orlando, Florida. Pat Cobb, President conducted the meeting.

After a brief discussion, the idea of a yellow cap with an applique in the shape of Louisiana and a V-neck collar with a pearlized color magnolia is what we should secure.

It was moved by Evelyn Evans and seconded by Hilda Sills that we would have the collar and the hat for \$20.00. Jane Eubanks said that she would get her students to work with her in making the collars.

The following members were present: Jean Rockhold; Betty Pope; Maxie Garrett; Muriel Miller; Evelyn Evans; Norma Winegeart; Nancy Carruth; Annette Fortuna; Hilda Sills; Pat Cobb and Fannie P. Reddix.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Fannie P. Reddix, Secretary

Minutes
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

The Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women met in the multi-purpose room at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in New Orleans, LA. The Executive Meeting was called to order immediately after dinner was served. Special guests at the dinner were the following: Earl Cobb, Pat's husband; Rev. Carol Cotton-Winn, New Orleans District Superintendent; Rev. Wes Regan, pastor of St. Luke's; and Joyce Elaine Fish from the South Central Jurisdiction. Special appreciation was extended to the ladies of St. Luke's for the dinner. Amy Ward was one of the servers.

Annual Meeting, 1997. Hilda Sills reported that everything was on schedule for the meeting. The busses will pick up the ladies from the Radisson Hotel on Friday at 10:30 a.m. and at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday. Those persons riding the bus will be given a bag lunch on Saturday. Evelyn Martin, who is in charge of transportation, is being assisted by Celina Johnson. Evelyn's husband just had surgery this week and is still in intensive care.

A program book and courtesy bag were given to the committee members. Babysitting is available through **Considerate Child Care Service** on Friday from 12 noon until the end of the meeting, and Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. until the end of the meeting.

Registration will be in Kearney Hall. Food will be served in the Auxiliary Dining Hall on the second floor. There is an elevator in Kearney Hall. Balloons will be placed in front of the restrooms. Since school is in session and there is also a special conference going on this week, we could not mark the men's restrooms; however, there are ample restrooms available.

The post-Executive Meeting will be held in the President's Dining Room in Kearney Hall on the second floor on Saturday afternoon. Lottie Palazzo encouraged us to enjoy the program book. Lottie also thanked us for the Special Recognition Pin she received at Annual Conference.

At the beginning of the meeting, Pat lit a special candle which was shaped like a pineapple to signify the presence of God and to show hospitality. She also gave the meditation which was based on a verse from Hebrews. "Let mutual love continue, do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it." As a memento she gave each of us an angel that was made in Bangladesh to help provide funds for women and children.

Members present: Hilda Sills, Chairperson of Annual Meeting; Rita Parham; Norma Winegeart; Pat Cobb; Evelyn Evans; Annette Fortuna; Melba Jackson, vice-president of Acadiana District; Gwen Streams; Carolyn Colvin; Christine Coleman; Jane Eubanks; Jeroldean Dommert; Muriel Miller; Marie Young; June Sanchez; Betty Pope; Harriette Elrod; Maxie Garrett; Elouise Sanders; Kathleen Conrad, Jurisdiction; Doris Brown, Women's Division; Joyce E. Fish, Jurisdiction; Lottie Palazzo, Co-Chair of Annual Meeting; and Fannie P. Reddix.

Members absent: Margie Morrish, who was ill; Nancy Carruth, out-of-town; and Joyce Hazel, who was ill.

Appointment: Norma Winegeart and Jeri Dommert were appointed to review the minutes.

Correspondence. There was no correspondence. Pat announced that Joyce Hazel, 1997 Assistant Dean, had triple bypass heart surgery one week after School and a few days before her daughter's wedding. She was planning to attend Annual Meeting, but she developed an infection because of her medication and had to be hospitalized again. Pat talked with her this morning and reported that Joyce said she was feeling better.

President. Pat Cobb reported that since the last report she has represented us in the following: February 21-22 -Sager-Brown Center, work/worship event with Conference Laity, led by Bishop Solomon; February 28-March 1- Conference Retreat; March 11- Task Force for Annual Meeting, New Orleans; March 13- Methodist Home Style Show; March 15- Board of Laity, Conference Council on Ministries, Woodworth; March 20- St. Mark's Board Meeting; March 22- Conference Finance Committee, Woodworth; April 12- N O District at LaPlace; April 14- St. Mark's Property Committee; April 18-20- Consultation of Conference Presidents of the SCJurisdiction, Dallas; May 2- Board of Laity, Baton Rouge; May 3- Conference Membership Committee, Woodworth; May 8- Task Force for Annual Meeting, New Orleans; May 13- Met at Radisson Hotel with Lottie Palazzo to discuss banquet; May 20- Annual Conference Beginnings, Carrollton UMC, New Orleans; June 2-5- Annual Conference, Shreveport; June 9- Spoke to UMW at Houma; June 20-24- Regional School of Christian Mission, Abilene, Texas; June 28- Task Force for Annual Meeting, New Orleans; June 30- Met with Juanita Ivie, Music leader for SCM; September 4- Task Force for Annual Meeting, New Orleans and September 5-7- Training for Deans/Assistant Deans, Nashville.

She and her husband Earl, attended **Cursillo** at the end of July. She encourages those who have not been to attend. She expressed her thanks and extends her prayers for our continued work and praise of the Lord through the United Methodist Women.

Vice-President. Hilda D. Sills reported that she served as

the evaluator of the Conference Annual Retreat, February 28-March 2, and the results were very favorable. She also attended Bishop Solomon's Hands-on Mission Event at Sager Brown's UMCOR Depot, the Annual Conference, and she presented the twenty-five year UMW Anniversary Pin to Lottie Palazzo. At the School of Missions she conducted the Program Committee meeting. She received a letter from Joyce Sohl encouraging the Vice-Presidents to attend the United Methodist Assembly in Blackstone, Virginia, sponsored by the World Federation of Methodist Women on November 20-23, 1997. She shared this information with her counterparts, and has already made her reservations. She served as the Chairperson of the 1997 Annual Meeting at Dillard. It was a challenge and a blessing, and she thanks God for giving strength and perseverance to her and the Task Force.

Secretary. Fannie P. Reddix said the "Strokes" "Splashes" and "Spills" What a great time! This is what she experienced at the Conference Retreat, February 28-March 2, 1997. After the retreat she continued to grow spiritually in attending the Bishop's Hands-On Mission Event at Sager Brown's UMCOR DEPOT, the West Gulf Regional School in Abilene, Texas and LA Conference School of Christian Mission in Shreveport. At the conference school she coordinated the Audio Visuals and the Red Eye Theater. She also served as the secretary for the Task Force for the 1997 Annual Meeting and Conference School. She also coordinated the souvenir bags for the 1997 Annual Meeting.

Fannie recently retired from the Louisiana Public School System after working in St. Charles Parish for 1 year, Caddo Parish for 3 years and Orleans Parish for 29 years, making a total of 33 years of service. She was recently inducted into the National Future Business Leaders-Phi Beta Lambda Hall of Fame. She is now working part-time at Southern University at New Orleans.

In June Fannie and her husband Roscoe, along with an educational group, toured Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

She will serve as Norma Winegeart's co-chair of the 1997 DELT and Annette Fortuna's assistant for the 1999 Conference Retreat. A list of the prospective nominees/new officers will be sent to the conference officers as soon as possible.

She has enjoyed serving eight years as a conference officer, three years on the West Gulf Regional Team, and looks forward to continuing the work of God's Mission! She is delighted to have been elected as a Women's Division alternate at the last Quadrennial Jurisdictional Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. At her first Annual Meeting which was held at Dillard University, she received a small cloth souvenir handbag that still reminds her of how she became an active United Methodist Woman.

Treasurer. Evelyn Evans reports that she has served as

registrar for the Conference Retreat, School of Christian Mission, and now Annual Meeting. She is a little excited about the financial picture so far; however, the orders for Special Mission Recognition Pins is down compared to last year at this time. The Mission Candle money collected so far is \$10,234.51. It seems as though we will meet our pledge this year. Evelyn submitted a copy of the financial statement as of September 17, 1997.

Spiritual Growth. Annette Fortuna said she did not attend the Conference Retreat because of a Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico with her church. She led the Ruston District Spring Retreat at Caney Lake with 85 in attendance. She attended Regional School in Abilene, Texas and led the "Rock Retreat" for two other conferences. She did a meditation and prepared a devotional booklet for LA Conference School of Christian Mission. Annette also helped with the children and their music. In September, she did a motivational program for First Church in Minden with 65 ladies in attendance. She is looking forward to DELT and intends to do a brief part of the "Rock Retreat" from the Women's Division and have the participants bring a small worship center to share with others.

During the summer Annette went to England, and while visiting several of the cathedrals she noticed a tall candle wrapped in barbed wire. The people in England were having a prayer concentration for all people in bondage, whether they were incarcerated, or abused, etc. She has a picture of this and will share it later. She thought that perhaps this effort could be duplicated in some of our districts, etc.

Social Action. Muriel Miller has received several letters from the Women's Division urging action in contacting congressional representatives regarding various issues. She said the current issue is urging President Clinton to help ban the use and distribution of landmines in the world. She has forwarded some recommendations to her counterparts with suggestions for related action. She gave packages to the district presidents to give to their Social Action Coordinators, including a banner. The Conference will be held in December in Canada.

Muriel attended the Conference Retreat in February, the LA Annual Conference, Regional School, and Conference School of Christian Mission. She prepared the Alexandria District display on Joshua and the Land. Brazil was the topic of the mini-school study that she taught at Natchitoches. She served on the Board of Church and Society which has been very active. She made arrangements for a workshop to be held at the conference center and transported Mr. Jim Winkler to the various meetings being held. Mr. Winkler is from the Board of Church and Society with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Petitions are available for the United Methodist Women regarding the use of landmines in the world. Muriel said, "Working with the Conference Mission Team has been a pleasure."

Education and Interpretation. Marie Young reported that nine districts submitted their mission studies reports, with 105 units completing one or more studies with an outgrowth. There were 60 units completing one study. All will be given certificates, with the grand total of 165.

The School of Mission was a great success, thanks to Harriette Elrod and Joyce Hazel, and also to Jackie Campbell and her helpers for the Children's school.

Marie has contacted all districts by mail, telephone or in person. Birthday cards were mailed to each missionary from Louisiana. She attended Regional School in Abilene, Texas, but was unable to attend Conference School of Mission in July due to illness.

She said this has been a very good year under our new structure. She urges us to continue to improve and keep in mind the scripture reference from Isaiah 58:10, "If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday."

Marie asks that we keep our candle shining for missions and new members.

Over the past four years, United Methodist Women have always been very close to her heart. Due to illness, she has really experienced what a difference United Methodist Women can make in your life. Marie said that if she could tell ladies who are not in UMW, she would say, "Please don't go to bed without becoming a member." She thanked all of us for our continued supportive community.

Membership Nurture and Outreach. Harriette Elrod reported that two hundred and seventeen men, women, and children gathered at Centenary College on July 17 through 20, 1997, to participate in the Conference School of Christian Mission. Each came with the assurance of a dedicated and spiritually inspired group of study leaders.

Because of an unusual chance meeting of an old friend on the plane, Harriette had an opportunity to experience God's grace and extend an invitation to a mother and her daughter to attend our School of Christian Mission. The daughter, Karen Brown, is a graduate of Centenary College and has a Seeing Eye Dog. Because of Karen's experiences and participation in our school, she will be teaching in her school in Jackson, Ms.

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Jacqueline S. Campbell trained at Scarritt-Bennett to lead our children's school. They studied "A Call to Hope." Harriette also stated that there were eleven Estelle Dameron Scholarships awarded, and the Monroe District won the attendance banner. Schools of Christian Mission continue to be the place where United Methodist Women and others can reflect on their faith journeys, grow in Christian discipleship, and engage in personal and collective action as a result of a study.

Harriette said that "God can guide our path with the light of his word. When we trust in the Lord, he gives us light to guide us and strength to do what he asks of us. Often we would like to see the complete path ahead. God allows his light to shine just far enough for us to take the next step. This requires faith to go forward knowing the light will shine as we need it."

Committee On Nominations. Norma Winegeart, Chairperson reported that nothing has changed since the last report of the Committee on Nominations. Her written report will be given to me during the Annual Meeting.

Program Resources. Gwen Streams encouraged us to visit the Program Resources Room located in one of the rooms in the Chapel building. She has a number of wonderful new books from the Reading List. She will submit a written report during the Annual Meeting. Gwen asked that all persons would think about signing up to do something at Regional School. Louisiana will host the Regional School next year. The list will be circulated at the Post-Executive Meeting on Saturday. Gwen also mentioned that perhaps something could be done about the different deadlines for the certificates and reports. Pat suggested that this could be included on the Mid-Year Agenda for 1998.

Communications Coordinator. Rita Parham reports that United Methodist Women used to be the United Methodist Church's best kept secret--Well not anymore. She said that our story is best told in Response, the official magazine for all United Methodist Women. The conference newsletter spreads the word about all of the mission happenings and various activities world wide and around the Louisiana Conference.

Rita thanks the district Communication Coordinators, and district Presidents for helping to complete an arduous task that was begun last year. Each district now has a complete directory including each church, local unit or contact person. Louisiana United Methodist Women can now tell the story of mission in new

ways to our membership, charter new units, and encourage potential members throughout the conference.

She said the goal of our Conference and District Communication Coordinators is to write, picture and record the history of mission in Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, create a story book of mission to pass on to future generations as we light a path of good works.

She also encouraged all to attend the Women's Assembly, May 14-17, 1998 in Orlando, Florida. The theme is "Make Plain The Vision." She prepared Assembly Pins for the committee and asked that all would wear them during the Annual Meeting. She said that she will tell them in her report to ask anyone wearing a pin about the Assembly.

Editor. Pat said that Nancy Carruth could not be here because of another commitment. Pat encouraged the district presidents to have their secretaries get the lists to Fannie and be sure that labels have correct zip codes for Nancy.

Pat announced the presence of Doris Brown, our Women's Division Representative and Kathleen Conrad, our South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Representative. Kathleen said that the Jurisdiction has a program that will be coming to us soon. This program, titled "Mission Today," has been passed through the Women's Division unto each of the conferences for the district and conference officers. She also thanked us for the opportunity to serve on the Core Planning Group of the Jurisdiction. This program will be done in the South Central Jurisdiction, our jurisdiction, before the other four jurisdictions get it. She encouraged all to attend this training when it comes to our conference. It is very well planned and it will give us a better understanding of what United Methodist Women are all about. The Quadrennial Meeting will take place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 17-19, 2000.

Doris Brown thanked us for giving her the opportunity to share with us. Last week she attended national and international meetings on Ministries with Women, Children and Youth. She is the Chairperson of the Task Force on Ministries with Women. Her major thrust as a representative on the Women's Division is to be a voice of support for women in our conference. If she can be apprised of the various grants and applications that our conference, district, local units, etc. are applying for, perhaps having that knowledge will make a difference in the outcome. Doris also wants us to know that she is available, and wants Louisiana to become involved in the Women's Division.

Acadiana District. Kathleen Phillips was absent; therefore Melva Jackson, Vice President, read the district report. Since the last Executive Meeting, the district had an inspirational and spiritual Day Apart Retreat which was led by Ellen Deich. Ellen

provided us with a history of our UMW Heritage. In spite of the major storm, thirty-one attended. Several persons attended the School of Mission in Shreveport and the district mini-school with Emily McCoy, Kathleen Conrad and Gwen Streams serving as study leaders. The district Annual Meeting will be held on October 11, with LETT being held on November 22, 1997.

Next year the district will implement a Visitation Plan to the local units. Due the widespread geographic district, this will be a four-year plan.

Alexandria District. Margie Morrish was ill and could not be present. She sent a note to Pat which thanked us for the get well cards and our prayers. Four years ago Margie was installed as the UMW President of the Alexandria District, and now she leaves with mixed emotions. The district officers all worked together and did what was expected of them and a little more. They became a great team with the same purpose. She has also enjoyed being on the conference mission team and working with all of us. Margie said that Janet Ward will be the new President and will lead the district with good leadership into the year 2000 and beyond.

Baton Rouge District. Betty Pope reported that the Baton Rouge District has been busy this year with the usual activities as well as some new ones. UMW Sunday was observed by most units with excellent reports. Participating in the Bishop's "Mission Experience" was an activity that she wished more could have experienced. They had the largest group (27) in attendance at the Conference Retreat. They had a wonderful FIRST TIME--**READING TEA** in April. Over 100 members and guests braved torrential rains to attend. The Secretary of Program Resources, Lana Lathan, planned this innovative method of promoting the Reading Program and at the same time involving children and youth.

In May three district members attended a Membership Conference. Another new experience for Betty was preparing unleavened bread to be used at Annual Conference. She said that the scriptures included and the suggestions for meditation while baking the bread gave it a special meaning.

They were well represented at the Conference School of Mission and district mini-school. The Mission Candle offerings showed an increase over last year. They will burn the candle for 43 minutes and 15 seconds. Plans are under way for the District Annual Meeting and LETT. A calendar of events is forth coming.

Lake Charles District. Jeroldean R. Dommert reported that Lake Charles District has also had a good year. The district team has met three times to plan the mission work of UMW. District events were well attended. Quiet Day on April 9th at the district camp at Ouiskachitto was led by Burchie Louthan, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, based on the scripture, "...I am that woman who stood

here that time praying to the Lord!" (1 Samuel 1:26). The District Mini-School of Mission was held at Squyres UMC at Ragley on August 24, 1997. Pat Davis served as Dean of the School. Study leaders were Emily McCoy--Brazil, and Randy Roach--Call to Hope In A Violent Society. Rev. Ryan Horton was unable to present Joshua, due to a death in his family. The newspaper gave ample coverage on the school activities.

School of Mission at Centenary was attended by twenty-three women from Lake Charles District, with three of them as first timers. A table spot-lighting Social Work was prepared by Constance Handy, and it will also be on display at DELT.

The Committee on Nominations, under the leadership of Lillian Blanchard, interim chairperson, presented a full slate of officers for 1998 at the July Executive meeting.

Twenty-five out of thirty-five units in Lake Charles District have met all the criteria for 5 Star Giving! Twelve of the Anniversary Special Mission Pins have been ordered up to this point. The Mission Candle report as of September 16, was \$1,569.65, and the total remitted against the pledge was \$30,313.84.

Thirteen local units completed two or more studies, and three completed one study. The district Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 1 in Oakdale. Dr. Marvette Thomas, pastor of Jones and Mallalieu UMC in Welsh and Jennings, will be the speaker.

Monroe District. Christine Coleman began her report with the following scripture: "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid." Psalms 27:1.

Monroe District UMW has had a very busy productive year in 1997. They conducted executive council meetings prior to the team meetings which were held in various areas and churches within the district. The pledge goal has not been met yet, but the treasurer is encouraged that it will be by the end of the year. The district kept the Attendance Banner at Conference School of Mission. The Mini-School was planned and conducted by the Education and Interpretation Coordinator and all of the studies were taught by members of the district.

New Orleans District. June Sanchez reported that the New Orleans District Mission Team continues to meet at various churches across the district. Some of the churches do not have units, but the women get together and welcome the team. The team is able to inform the women about the program of United Methodist Women and the agencies that receive support. Five-Star Giving is emphasized.

She said Day Apart was held at First United Methodist Church

in LaPlace on April 12, 1997, with 39 ladies in attendance. The theme was "Reflections on Christian Women: Living As Sisters"; and the scripture was Ruth 1:16-18. Rev. Kenneth M. Graham was the speaker.

Seventeen women from the district attended the Conference School of Christian Mission. Some of them conducted an inspirational and spiritual Saturday morning devotion on Brazil.

The mini-school was held at St. Bernard United Methodist Church, August 9, 1997 with 44 ladies in attendance. The study leaders were Rev. Richard Teeter--Joshua; Mrs. Mary Ann Williams, District Social Action Coordinator--Christians Living in the Midst of a Violent Society; and Dr. Alonzo Campbell--Brazil.

St. Marks's Community Center, an agency supported by United Methodist Women, has programs that encourage, inspire and provide services for women, youth, and children. The programs include Family Day Care, Carver School Day Care, Street Academy, Youth Development, Food Coop, Americorps and Jazz for youth. The Jazz Project is the "darling" of United Way, which has requested the group on numerous occasions. A master cassette tape of Jazz music is almost complete. Five-hundred copies will be available for sale very soon.

The Wesley Campus Ministries has new leadership: Rev. John Higginbotham is now serving as chaplain at Kentucky Wesleyan College; Rev. Judy A. Shema is director of the Tulane-Loyola Center; Rev. Dale Branch is president of the Wesley Ministries Board for UNO, SUNO and Delgado. The new directors are as follows: UNO--Rev. Becky Connor; SUNO--Rev. Connie Breaux Diello; and DELGADO--Rev. Helena Wright-Butler.

The women of the New Orleans District with support from North Shore, are excited about hosting the ANNUAL MEETING. The district hopes that everyone will experience an inspirational and spiritual, as well as jovial, time.

North Shore. Jane Eubanks said she feels good about the participation and attendance by the North Shore members. They had a good group attending the Conference Retreat, with 85 in attendance at the District Retreat.

They had their executive meeting immediately after the retreat, and 100% attendance at their June 28th meeting which was held at Catfish Charlie's restaurant in Hammond.

Johnnye Butler and she attended the Membership Nurture and Outreach Workshop which was held at the Conference Center in May. Twelve district members traveled to the Conference School of Christian Mission, with two of them as first timers. The mini-school had 95 in attendance at Winan UMC in Franklinton.

Jane said that all eleven of her district officers plan to attend DELT on October 25, 1997. They have three new officers. Pat Cobb will speak at their Annual Meeting on October 11, 1997. The meeting will be dedicated to the Memory of Chinesa Jefferson, a past District Officer, who died this spring.

Ruston District. Maxie Garrett reported that thirteen of her district members attended Conference Retreat on February 28-March 2, at the Conference Center.

The World Day of Prayer on March 7 was observed by several units. Special ecumenical programs were conducted and some units had a prayer vigil keeping the sanctuary of the church open for people of the community to come for a few minutes of prayer.

The Spring Meeting was held at Harmony Chapel on March 9 with 72 members in attendance. District Superintendent and Mrs. Jimmy Pyles were special guests. Mrs. Cynthia Woodard, a lawyer and UMW member from Ruston, was the speaker.

The district team met in April and plans were finalized for the remainder of 1997. The mission team will promote three projects in addition to the regular ones, such as 5-Star Giving and Criteria of Excellence. The projects are money for new books to Sager-Brown and Dulac, old cards and donations to MacDonell Children's Services, and Campbell soup labels to Dulac.

Annette Fortuna was the leader for the District Retreat at Caney Conference Center, May 3, 1997. Her theme was "Cast Your Nets." Eight members attended the School of Christian Mission. The mini-school leaders were Elouise Sanders--Brazil, Kitty DeFreese--Living In a Violent Society, and Maxie Garrett--Joshua. Twelve units were awarded Excellence of Studies Certificates and two units were awarded Certificates of Achievement.

Elouise Sanders has been nominated as the new president of the conference and the district is very proud. The District Annual Meeting will be held October 5 at Arcadia UMC with Harriette Elrod as the speaker. Plans have been made by the district officers to attend DELT at the Conference Center and LELT on November 9 at Farmerville.

The district will promote attendance at all district and conference meetings. Maxie has attended district Council on Ministries, Nominating Committee Training, Ruston Children's Home Board Meeting, Program Committee for LA Tech U. Wesley Foundation Board, Conference Finance Committee, and Annual Conference in June.

Maxie said that each meeting and activity has been a wonderful contribution to her spiritual growth. The special highlight of the summer was the 15-day John Wesley Tour to England and Scotland with a wonderful group of fellow Christians.

Shreveport District. Carolyn Colvin was happy to report that they have had a busy and successful spring and summer. She and Norma attended the Bishop's "Hands-on Mission Event" at Sager-Brown in February. One of the highlights of the district was the April District Mission Trip planned by Norma Winegeart in her typically thorough fashion when thirty members (well, that includes one seven-year-old future member) and three husbands spent two night at Sager-Brown doing a variety of hands-on volunteer jobs. They also spent one day going to MacDonell Children's Home in Houma for a tour of the facility. They carried greeting cards to be recycled and purchased all of the ones they had for sale. One outgrowth of this Mission Trip will be a Video which includes footage of the above named missions and St. Mark's, with representatives briefly telling their story.

This will be available to the Conference after Christmas and Mission Magazine is interested in seeing the result.

The District was involved in many ways preparing for the Annual Conference in June. They were saddened by the death of Ann Wilson. They also attended School of Mission in addition to the many tasks performed as the host district. The mini-school was quite successful in terms of the attendance and quality of studies. Carolyn and Ethel Lilly co-taught the Violence Study. June Sumrall presented a letter and petition prepared by the members of Lakeview UMW regarding the disposition of the land on the peninsula at Dulac by the federal government. They have had 5 executive team meetings this year.

Carolyn took this opportunity to promote her unit's Fall Festival which will take place at First Church in Shreveport on Saturday, September 27, 1997. This has been an annual fund raising event in the district for ten years. This year, Tommie Blackburn Simmons, an artist-member, will chair a 25th Anniversary Tea with a Hall of History table put together by Norma Winegeart. Activities will include a silent auction, and representatives speaking from Sager-Brown, MacDonell's, Dulac, and St. Marks.' Donna Kay Campbell, Director of Dulac has arranged for 18 of the Eagle Dancers and six adults to come and perform Indian Dances prior to lunch.

This district-wide event will generate interest in, and needed funds for, these missions.

Dedication of the 1998 Annual Directory. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that the Directory be dedicated to Pat Cobb.

DELT. Norma Winegeart, Chairperson, reported that she wrote to all of the officers on August first to let them know that the plans for DELT will be slightly changed. Sue C. Johnson, Executive Secretary for Leadership Development of the Women's Division, will

be with us. Sue will meet with the entire group from 1:00 to 2:00 o'clock in the Chapel.

Officers' training groups will meet from 10 -12 o'clock. The Conference Center has some new rules and they are asking us to pay in advance. Payment has been made for 24 people who will be coming from the New Orleans and North Shore Districts on Friday. A list will be filed with this report. Three meals are a part of the package deal for this group, so everyone is asked to arrive for supper, 5:30-6:30.

The rest of the group should arrive by 9:30 a.m. on Saturday to register, set up and be ready to begin the various training groups at 10 o'clock. The meeting will adjourn at 2:00 o'clock.

Norma said that we should reconsider the cost of letting part of the people come the day before because we are spending more for two districts than we are for the other seven put together.

Pat announced that the collars and hat will be modeled during the Assembly Promotion at the Meeting on Friday. The district presidents will march around the aisles with the posters displaying the theme of the Women's Assembly.

She also announced that the scholarship application forms should be submitted to the new president, Elouise Sanders, before January 1, 1998. She has received a few applications and will forward that information to the new president.

Pat said that she received a list of books that could be purchased for Sager Brown, and they are in the district presidents' packets. She asked whether all of the districts were on the calendar basis. It seems that all districts are on schedule.

She asked for two volunteers to serve Communion on Thursday Evening, May 14, and assist in the Sunday Morning Service at the Women's Assembly. Fannie P. Reddix and Hilda D. Sills volunteered. She needs one person to carry the conference offering Thursday evening. Evelyn Evans volunteered. Two persons are needed to participate in the choir. Pat will be the soprano and if the district presidents will find an alto, let her know. Hilda said that Urselle Lunnon has a beautiful voice and she will check with her.

Pat also disseminated other information connected with the Assembly.

There are some Assembly Funds that will be distributed among the Conference officers who will be attending the Assembly. They must let Evelyn Evans know as soon as possible.

There is a promotional tape of the Assembly. The New Orleans District requested its use at their Annual Meeting on October 11, 1997.

School of Missions. Pat said the results of a survey that was taken at one of the plenaries at the 1997 School of Mission indicated that they wanted to change the format. **It was moved by Rita Parham and seconded by Norma Winegeart that the school format for next year will be as follows: The School will begin on Wednesday and end on Saturday.** The motion was carried. Emily McCoy, Dean said, "let's try this new format." The dates are July 15 - 18, 1998.

Further discussion on the possible formats for Schools of Mission included having a Mid-Winter School at a setting different from the college. Everyone was urged to think about possible formats that we could possibly experience in the future schools.

The minutes were approved and will be filed as mailed with the two corrections that were reported by Jane Eubanks, one of the examiners.

After a short prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Examiners:

Norma Winegeart
Jeroldean Dommert

Fannie P. Reddix
Secretary

Post-Executive Meeting Saturday, September 20, 1997

The Post-Executive Meeting was held in the President's Dining Room in Kearney Hall on Dillard University's Campus.

Annette Fortuna, led us in prayer.

The new officers were introduced and packets with pertinent information were given to the officers.

After lunch the meeting was adjourned, with the new President, Elouise Sanders, taking over.

Examiners:

Norma Winegeart
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JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

New Orleans, Louisiana
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The Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women opened Friday, September 19, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Dillard University, New Orleans, LA. After the prelude on the organ by Mr. Anthony Williams and invocation by Rev. Helena Wright-Butler, Pat Cobb, President, convened the meeting and presided. Pat led the assembly in affirming the purpose of United Methodist Women read in unison.

WELCOME - Welcomes were extended by Dr. Michael Lomax, President; Dillard University; Earl Jackson representing the Mayor's office presented a Proclamation to UMW; Dr. Carole Cotton-Winn, New Orleans District Superintendent; and June Sanchez, New Orleans District UMW President.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS - The special guests included, Bishop and Mrs. Dan Solomon, Mrs. S. Dianna Masters, our speaker and Joyce Elaine Fish from the South Central Jurisdiction. The former conference officers in attendance were Amy Ward, Norma Winegeart, and Gloria Bennett.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM - Hilda D. Sills, Chairperson and Lottie Palazzo, C-Chairperson, presented the program. The Annual Meeting theme was "Thy Word Is A Lamp," with the scriptures John 1:1-5 and Psalm 119:105, and the theme hymn number 601 in the hymnal was "Thy Word Is a Lamp."

LIGHTING OF THE MISSION CANDLE -As Dr. Marilyn Ray, a former conferen*he candle, she said, "The Word of God comes to us as a lamp, lighting out way. The Mission Candle is another source of light for us as United Methodist Women of Louisiana Conference. As we light the candle, we call to mind the gifts of God, past, present and future. The monetary gifts you have given will support Undesignated Mission through the Women's Division in honor of those person and groups whose names are inscribed in our Mission Candle Book. In 1997, it costs \$37.78 per minute to support this mission. Our 1997 Mission Candle will burn 4 hours, 53 minutes and 30 seconds, representing total gifts of \$10,234.51. When the time has expired, we will extinguish the flame. Our support through the Mission Candle will have ended, but we will continue as women of the Word."

OPENING WORSHIP - After a few remarks from Bishop Dan Solomon, and singing the hymn, "Thy Word Is a Lamp," Rev. Helena Wright-Butler gave the opening Meditation. This portion of the program

ended with the rendering of special music by Dolores Giles, our song leader.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Kathleen Conrad and Annette Fortuna were appointed to examine the Journal.

PROMISE AWARD - The Promise Award was presented to First United Methodist Church of Kenner, with honorable mentions to First United Methodist Church of Slidell and Mount Zion United Methodist Church of New Orleans.

STANDING RULES - Jean Rockhold, Chair of the Guidelines and Standing Rules Committee, presented the following report: "A ruling concerning Nominations from the floor has been issued by the Women's Division. This ruling was published in the recent Conference Newsletter.

The Guidelines and Standing Rules Committee has made thorough study of the Guidelines and Standing Rules, and the committee has changed terminology, page references, and dates to be consistent with the Constitution for 1997-2000. There was no change in rules, only nomenclature for consistency.

At the July meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee voted that the previous Annual Meeting Chairperson be included on the Task Force of the current Annual Meeting Planning Committee."

The move for adoption of this report by Jean Rockhold was approved.

MISSION TEAM REPORT - The report format of the Mission Team has been changed to present a scenario of the responsibilities of the officers in an exciting manner! (The President, Pat Cobb, is the narrator) As we view the Team Report, we hear....

PAT COBB, PRESIDENT ... Albert Einstein once reflected on the purpose of man's existence: *"Strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to a divine purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know: That we are here for the sake of others...."*

"When we truly take stock of our lives, we must admit we have done nothing solely on our own. Our thinking has been fashioned by our many teachers and mentors, including family members. Our spiritual lives are a gift of God Himself. We are what we have received."

So it is with United Methodist Women. The organization has been molded by many who have gone before us. Some of those we have remembered in the Mission Candle book. Whatever we do is only

partially the result of our own efforts. It is in that vein that we present a team report, because each is a part of the whole. Each one will share a Bible verse and light a candle.

Our **Communications Coordinator, Rita Parham** helps to light the way to make our good works known. And Rita says, "How appropriate for a Communications Coordinator--Camera in hand - Flash ready--United Methodist Women used to be the United Methodist Church's best kept secret--Well not anymore. We want the world to know what a lot of good women and a few good men in mission are all about. Our story is best told in Response Magazine--the official magazine for all United Methodist Women. Our conference newsletter spreads the word about all of the mission happenings and various activities, the world wide and round the Louisiana Conference.

Thanks to the hard work of our nine district Communications Coordinators and the district Presidents, a task begun last year has been completed.

The goal of your Conference and District Communications Coordinators is to write, picture and record the history and create a story book of mission to pass on to future generations as we light a path of good works. The Assembly, May 14-17, 1998 in Orlando, Florida is the event that lets the light of United Methodist Women and our Purpose shine so that others can see our good works. If you attend, you will certainly give glory to your Father in heaven for the organization that is United Methodist Women."

Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation, Marie Young helps to enlighten us and acknowledge those who have participated in the mission studies. And Marie says, "Isaiah 58:10 NRSV--If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday."

"We have had excellent study themes this year: Joshua, Brazil and Living As Christians In a Violent Society; and excellent materials in our Program Book. Marie's challenge to each of us is to have at least one study for our unit with an outgrowth and action. This year 105 units completed one or more studies and received certificates, with a grand total of 165 studies completed by the various units."

"The Children's School of Mission was a great success, thanks to Jackie Campbell and her assistant. Also a huge thank-you is owed to Harriette Elrod and Joyce Hazel for their leadership which insured a great School of Mission. Remember to keep your candle shining for Missions and new members and as in Isaiah 58:10, your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom will be like the noonday sun."

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, Annette Fortuna encourages us in the faith. Annette says, "As the Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator, I am to encourage you to participate in activities and programs that will enable your light to shine brighter and brighter. As we know God better and as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, our light will shine brighter and brighter to those around us, and the message of freedom will be seen and heard in our lives. I have been actively involved in the following events: District Annual Meeting, DELT, UMW Sunday, Conference Retreat, Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, District Retreats, John Wesley Study, Regional School, Conference School of Mission and Annual Meeting."

As Annette reflects over the past year, her commitment to Christ has grown and her desire to serve Him is greater. And she says, "as we take the challenge to be in God's word more this year, when we come together next year for Annual Meeting, may it be said that the light of Christ is shining brighter and brighter in the lives of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women."

Those of you who have served on a **Committee on Nominations** know what a special challenge that is. **Norma Winegeart, Chairperson** will tell us how they attempt to bring light out of darkness. Norma reports... "The decisions of the Committee on Nominations are important as they shape the leadership and future of the organization. The committee has nine members, with a rotating membership of four classes with each member elected for a four-year term. The chairperson is elected for a two-year term during her four year term. The chairperson is a member of the Executive Committee."

The current committee members are Joyce Armstrong, Joan Miller, Joyce Hazel, Ethel Lilly, Elouise Cox, Rosalie Pryor, Betty Tripp, Gail Epperson, and Norma Winegeart, Chairperson.

The committee met in February to begin the process of selecting the nominees. The meeting was opened with a devotional and a time of prayer. When there was a time that we felt we needed the guidance of the Lord, we stopped for a prayer.

The scripture suggested for today is Romans 13:12: The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. One way that you can help us through our times of darkness and into the light is to fill out a talent bank sheet for us. If you have not done one in this calendar year, please do this for yourself or for someone that you think would make a good conference officer.

The Louisiana Conference is represented on the Women's Division for this quadrennium by Doris Brown. On the South Central Jurisdiction UMW Core Planning Group is Kathleen Conrad. On the West Gulf Regional School Committee and Chair of Program Resources

is Gwen Streams.

One of our duties is to insure that the conference organization reflects diversity in proportion to the membership. For those who are concerned over the Black leadership--the proportion of White members is about 80% and Black members about 20%. There are some who feel that equal is fifty-fifty - but by proportion it would be 20/80. Therefore, the Black membership is well represented.

Everyone on the list of nominees was present for our School of Christian Mission at Centenary in July. And, everyone of them signed a pledge to support the PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women and the PURPOSE of the Women's Division.

We have tried to have representation from every district in the Conference - but with nine districts this is not always possible. We have followed the guidelines and hopefully have selected the persons best suited for each position.

Following the new structure, there are 11 elected officers.

According to the Constitution and Bylaws, there are several people who are members of the Committee on the Charter For Racial Justice Policies by virtue of their office. Four additional members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations. Therefore, these are included in our report today.

According to our Conference Standing Rules there are three officers who are appointed by the President: The Editor, the Historian and the Chair of the Committee on Standing Rules."

Norma closed her report by sharing a poem entitled "The Armor of Light." And then she said, "Inasmuch as this Committee symbolizes light, I have chosen a bright yellow candle--May it gleam brightly and lead all of us the light of the Lord."

Vice President, Hilda Sills, has done a monumental job organizing this Annual Meeting. But she does other things, as well. Hilda, let us hear from you.... Hilda said, "Yes the Annual Meeting was a tremendous task but it was a wonderful opportunity to serve the **Lord**. She served as the evaluator of the Conference Annual Retreat, participated in Bishop Solomon's Hands-on Mission Event at Sager Brown's UMCOR Depot, presented the twenty-five year UMW Anniversary Pin to Lottie Palazzo at Annual Conference and chaired the Program Committee. In November, she will attend the United Methodist Assembly in Blackstone, Virginia, which is sponsored by the World Federation of Methodist Women. At the July Program Committee Meeting, the following 1998 UMW goals were formulated:

1. In 1998 we will strengthen our Louisiana Conference School of

Christian Mission by:

- a) urging at least two (2) children from each district to attend
 - b) By providing financial assistance for teenage girls to attend
2. We will continue to work toward the year of 2000 to increase certification in the areas of:
- a) Reading Program
 - b) Excellence of Study
 - c) Charter for Racial Justice Policies (Promise Award) and
 - d) Membership (Women in Mission Award)
3. We will strive by the year 2000 to meet our Conference Pledge to Mission by restoring our pledge to the level of \$3000,000.00 as in the year of 1995.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILDA D. SILLS THAT THESE GOALS BE ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

Hilda continues, "lighting this candle provides the light for all of the UMW programs you will plan."

Coordinator for Social Action, Muriel Miller, exhorts us to be good citizens and informed on social issues. Muriel Miller reports..."Coordinators for Social Action have a great privilege and responsibility to serve and protect their fellow human beings. Seeing a wrong by a citizen calls for some action. You may be the kind of person who gives a cup of water to someone who is thirsty, or you may turn away like the travelers of long ago who were on the Jericho Road. Christ said that we are not to put our lights under a bushel. You can light a candle for justice and vindication by joining with hundreds of United Methodist Women in Social Action to urge President Clinton to ban anti-personnel landmines. Fifteen high ranking military officers have urged him to ban landmines as a "humane and military responsible" step.

You may wonder what is wrong with using landmines if our country is threatened. The best estimate of the current threat is that 100 million mines have been sown in 68 countries. They will remain a danger for years until they are either detonated by a footstep, or removed by deminers. Who steps on these mines? Farmers plowing a field. Children kicking a ball in a meadow. These scenes are blown away when a child's foot nears the ground. In a study conducted by the Human Rights Watch, the study found that one third of all US Army casualties in Vietnam were caused by mines and that more American casualties in the Korean War were caused by U S laid defensive mines than by the enemy's. It's bad enough that thousands of troops were victims of their own land mines, but it is even worse that 26,000 farmers, women and children are killed each year by the 100 million land mines that remain in

68 countries.

Canada is taking the lead to complete a comprehensive treaty to ban landmines by the end of this year--1997. Fifty countries have said that they will support the proposal. Representative from over 100 nations will meet in Canada in December to sign a treaty banning the landmines. So far, the U S is not one of them. As your part of Social Action, please add your signature to the U S Campaign to Ban Landmines petition. Write to your President and your Congressmen. Remember that God's word is a lamp and that "He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday."

Secretary, Fannie P. Reddix, keeps accurate records of meetings and compiles mailing lists from those received from District Secretaries. On Fannie's behalf, let me urge those involved to get those lists in as soon as possible. Fannie says.."Psalms 119:130 NRSV - "The unfolding of your words give light; it imparts understanding to the simple." "I have chosen to light a red candle to project the light of the spoken and written word. The color red is brilliant and stands out just as the record of an organization is captured by the recorder. This light transcends the past, present and into the future!"

"The record is the organ of the organization. It is the link to the successful operation of the organization. This lighted candle reflects the accuracy and availability of the records at all times. The District Secretaries play a major role by submitting the list of their district elected officers and local presidents, and other pertinent information to be placed in the conference directory. All District Secretaries are urged to attend DELT on October 25, 1997, which will be held at the Conference Center in Woodworth, LA." Some of the other activities Fannie participated in include Bishop Solomon's Hands-on Mission Event, Conference Retreat, Regional School of Christian Mission, School of Christian Mission and served as secretary for the Annual Meeting Task Force.

"As the light continues to shine, accurate records will continue to impart understanding to the simple."

The **Secretary of Program Resources, Gwen Streams**, has unpacked, labeled, displayed and sold many books and other material. I think she want us to **READ!** Gwen says..."This year we are charged with new responsibilities and a new direction. Reading is our emphasis. Wont you take a minute out of your busy schedule to read? No doubt, we all read. If not, we couldn't get acquainted with God's word.

This year we had 2803 books read. Let's increase that number for next year. An active and productive Conference is a well read conference."

"My challenge to each of you is to read at least----books during year. That's only one book from each category, along with Response Magazine and New World Outlook. Wouldn't it be wonderful, is all of us here would do that?

District Program Resource People are challenged to promote reading and promote reading.....Come up with some really creative ideas to increase the District's reading. We will share the best ideas at the next Annual Meeting. The Baton Rouge District had a Reading Tea. It was magnificent. It's Up to You!!! There are a few interesting things to think about that are going on: 1. Youth Evaluations and 2. Reading Evaluations; if you are interested see me for the forms. With this candle, I light the way to Reading with a Purpose in Mind, ALL over Louisiana."

Your dollars added to other's dollars support the many mission areas of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. Keeping these records in a tremendous task and **Treasurer, Evelyn Evans**, will give you some highlights of her job. Evelyn says..." We read in Luke 15:8-- or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of the, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she find it--"

"United Methodist Women of Louisiana are like this woman described in Luke -- we are careful stewards of our money. Like our foremothers in the faith, however, we recognize that there are situations and opportunities to which we can only respond monetarily. And respond you have. This year there were 126 units who earned 5 star recognition by contributing to the 5 areas-- Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering. We want to recognize these units by district. The names of each unit will not be called, but the district treasurers or president from the district is asked to receive the certificates."

"And speaking of Special Mission Recognition, the time to purchase the Special 25th Anniversary Commemorative Pin is drawing to a close. You can only order this pin until December 31, 1997. So recognize those special people in your lives and your units with a Special Mission Recognition Pin now."

"And lastly, on page 9 of the program book is a proposed budget for Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women for 1998.

MOTION WAS MADE BY EVELYN EVANS THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1998 BE ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

And Evelyn continues..."I light this candle with the assurance that United Methodist Women will continue to respond and to walk in the light provided by Him who is the source of light and who illumines our path."

Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach, Harriette Elrod, wear two hats: that of Membership and Dean of the 1997 School of Christian Mission. She also has a special presentation to make. Harriette says..."Our committee is grateful to report an increase of 218 members. This makes our reported membership 10,379. UMW Sunday reports and District Scrapbooks were all well presented this year. The time and hard work of all district leaders is appreciated. 1 John 1:7 NRSV...."but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son Cleanses us from all sin." We cherish the fellowship that nurtures our growth as Servants of Christ. This Christian fellowship of ours reaches out in love to all of God's children in need. As we seek fellowship and "fellowship" in Christ, membership says as one voice, "Yes, count me in...to pass it on!"

The "Woman in Mission Award" goes to Linda Knight Theriot of Bayou Blue United Methodist Church in the Acadiana District.

"indeed, you are **our** lamp, O LORD." We depend on His light to keep us going. As your **President** for the past four years, I have been privileged to visit and engage in some hands on" work at several mission institutions.

Some of those include, the **President's Consultation** for the Jurisdiction that met in New Orleans in May 1995. As part of that event, we had a mini-work group at **St. Mark's Community Center**, where we cleaned and painted. That was also the weekend of Jazz Fest and some helped at St. Mark's booth there. We will hear more about St. Mark's in the morning when Gregor Dike has a special treat for us.

In August of 1995 five of us from Louisiana attended a Jurisdiction Mission Event at **Camp Aldersgate** in Little Rock, Arkansas. This institution has many programs, but one that we witnessed was a camp for children with various medical problems. Every summer, this program offers a week long camp setting to youngsters, most of whom are wheel chair bound. We cleaned, painted, helped with some office work and priced donated items for their bazaar. Eating with the children in the dining room was a very moving experience as we watched the campers interact with their counselors.

As a follow-up to this event, 24 women from this Conference participated in a similar mission experience at **Dulac Community Center** in October 1996. We were able to worship with the local congregation on Sunday evening and enjoy a wonderful meal with them. On Monday and Tuesday we cleaned and hauled trash, painted a fence, helped in the preschool and learned to weave palmetto in baskets from the grand dame of the community, who spoke only French.

Bishop Solomon gathered a group of laity to **Sager-Brown** in February of this year. While the men, and a few of the women, did repairs on homes and helped construct a new affordable hour, the rest of us worked with a group of Head Start children, planted hundreds of tomato, pepper and eggplant seeds, and helped sort boxes in the **UMCOR** depot.

She has also been able to visit mission projects in Texas, Kansas and Missouri, in conjunction with other meetings. It has been very rewarding to see some of the work your mission dollars are doing.

Attending an Annual Meeting of Women's Division in New York was another special event; meeting personally some of those whose names appear in **Response** magazine and elsewhere such as, **Joyce Sohl**, Deputy General Secretary of Women's Division (that means she's the Chief!), **Connie Takamine**, WD Treasurer, **Mary Kercheval Short**, Director of Service Center, and many others.

She is grateful to United Methodist Women for helping her to hone her driving and map-reading skills. The many hours on the road, at her desk and on the telephone are all worthwhile when she hears one of you tell her of exciting things going on in your local unit. The local woman is the most important one here. Without her, there would be no need for the rest of us. That is why it behooves each of us to be concerned with membership. All of the wonderful work carried on by United Methodist Women will suffer if the numbers and the dollars decline. We cannot allow this to happen; we **must not** permit it!

On a personal note, "I want to thank my team members and others for the support given me during times of family illness and lifting my spirits when they sagged. Thanks to my local church members and my pastor, Rev. Wes Reagan and unlimited use of the church copy machine. Special thanks to my children, who came to my rescue when I had a computer crisis (and they were many) and thanks to my husband, Earl, for keeping the home fires going during my many times away from home and mastering the microwave, for using more clerical skills than he probably wanted, for his patience when I got testy (and that was often in recent days) and for his unflagging support and encouragement."

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to God for the strength and energy to perform the tasks and for providing a way for me to attend functions away from home when family situations made it seem doubtful.

In closing, "I would like to share some words sent to me by a friend: "God can guide our path through the light of HIS WORD. When we trust in the Lord, He gives us light for guidance and strength to do what He asks of us. Often we would like to see the complete path ahead, but God allows His light to shine on our path

just far enough for us to take the next step. This requires faith to go forward, knowing the light will shine before us as we need it. As you pray, surrender your life in trust to HIS LIGHT."

2 Samuel 22:29 tells us, "Indeed, you are my lamp, O LORD, the LORD lightens my darkness."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Norma Winegeart, Chairperson, Committee on Nominations, reports that the Women's Division has given us some new guidelines concerning nominations from the floor. The Conference Committee on Nominations has asked the Standing Rules Committee to consider adding the following statement to our present Conference Standing Rules:

When nominations from the floor occur the election must be postponed until later in the meeting to allow time for the Committee on Nominations to confer with the nominee. Elections for other offices can proceed or be postponed until all offices are voted on. It is the responsibility of the Committee on Nominations to verify the tenure eligibility of the nominee. The election should not proceed until this is done and the job description has been reviewed with the nominee. If the nominee is not present, the committee should verify that this has been done.

The Louisiana Conference Committee on Nominations has met and prayerfully considered each office and submits the following list of nominees for officers:

Re-election for two years 1998-1999:

Secretary of Program Resources
Communications Coordinator

Gwen Streams
Rita Parham

Election for a two year term - 1998-1999:

President
Secretary

Elouise Sanders
Carolyn Colvin

Mission Coordinator for Education
and Interpretation

Frances Patton

Mission Coordinator for Membership
Nurture and Outreach

Brenda J. Canty

Committee on Nominations

Members Class of 2001

Fannie P. Reddix
Alice Irving

Committee on the Charter for Racial

Justice Policies:

One District President
One Member of the Executive Com.
Two additional members

June Sanchez 1997-1998
Gwen Streams 1997-1998-1999
Jeroldean Dommert 1998-2000
Rita Parham 1998-2000

The following officers have unexpired terms and will continue to serve during the year 1998:

Vice President	Hilda D. Sills
Treasurer	Evelyn Evans
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth	Annette Fortuna
Mission Coordinator for Social Action	Muriel Miller
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations	Norma S. Winegeart

Continuing as Members of the Committee on Nominations:

Class of 1998	Joyce Hazel Ethel Lilly Norma S. Winegeart
Class of 1999	Eloise Cox Rosalie Pryor
Class of 2000	Betty Tripp Gail Epperson

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Nominations.

"Madam President, at this time the Committee on Nominations report, which has been signed by each member of the committee, is presented." This slate of nominees is presented for election.

With no additional nominations from the floor, the delegates accepted the recommendations from the Nominating Committee, and all of the officers were elected.

After the responsive reading led by Lottie Palazzo, a short recess and UMW sings, led by Dolores Giles, Betty Cummings asked to speak because she had to leave early.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - Betty Cummings, President. Betty brought greetings from the Church Women United in Louisiana. She said the high point of their year was the March 14-15, Leadership Conference and State Assembly, which was held at Shreveport's Ramada Inn, the theme "Effective Leadership for Growth and Expansion." CWU's National President Susan Shank Mix was with them, encouraging them to remember the heritage of our foremothers in Church Women United, and to reach out in welcome to new members and ideas. She also taught them the difference between "installation" of officers and having a commitment ceremony for new and continuing officers--and capped it with an inspiring liturgical dance to "Here I Am, Lord."

A fascinating report on the Beijing Conference on Women was given by Trudie Hays of Ruston, the only Louisiana woman to attend it. She urged us not to let its purpose be forgotten, to get involved in making our world, our corner of the world better for women.

Chronologically speaking, they had a good fall leaders' council meeting at Tall Timbers--and decided that this year they would go to the United Methodist Conference Center in Woodworth. The World Day of Prayer theme, "Like A Seed That Grows Into A Tree," was prepared by women of Korea.

Church Women United's South Central Regional Event--a national assembly held regionally" take place November 7-9 at the Harvey Hotel/Crown Plaza, Dallas-Ft. Worth. Betty said this is her last official "presidential" visit with the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women; her terms end in March, 1998. The CWU Annual Meeting is in Baton Rouge, March 13-14, 1998 with Dr. Kathleen Hurty, General Director as the keynote speaker. Dr. Hurty took part in the 1991 Jubilee celebration in St. Louis, and is very knowledgeable about CWU from the ground up and inside out!

Greetings from Jurisdiction Joyce Elaine Fish brought greetings from the South Central Jurisdiction. She said that she is always happy to come to the Louisiana Conference, because of the warm welcome and the many talented people. Joyce is a member of the South Central Jurisdiction, Committee on Nominations. Her mission this weekend is to be on the look out for possible candidates to join the jurisdictional team. The jurisdiction is comprised of eight (8) states representing 17 conferences and 121 districts. Plans are being made for the jurisdictional meeting that will take place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 17-19, 2000. She has applications and recommendation forms for anyone who wishes to fill them out. She also said that recommendations should only be made with the consent of the nominee.

Project Reports

Dulac Community Center - Pam Theriot spoke on behalf of Donna Kay Campbell, Director, who could not attend. Pam gave us a brief overview of the activities at Dulac, including the Clanton Chapel Pre-school program. There are programs for the children and adults to learn about sewing, the computer, and basic education, etc. The children, known as the Golden Eagles, dance and perform, but they are also learning about their heritage. Pam brought a few brochures on Dulac. United Methodist Women are encouraged to plan mission events and tours at Dulac.

Mac Donnell United Methodist Children Services - Pamela Hoffpauir, Vice President of Resource Development gave a brief overview of the activities at Mac Donnell. The children are residents of MacDonnell's and the staff becomes their family. The children are still working on the project of recycling greeting cards. United Methodist Women are encouraged to continue to send those card fronts to them. Pam also left brochures about MacDonnell United Methodist Children Services.

Retiring Officers - Amy Ward, a former conference officer presented Special Recognition Pins to the following retiring

officers: Pat Cobb, President for 4 years, Marie Young, Mission Coordinator for (Christian Global Concerns) Education and Interpretation for 4 years, Harriette Elrod, (Membership Chairperson) Membership Nurture and Outreach for 4 years, and Fannie P. Reddix for 8 years (Publicity and Public Relations for 4 years and Secretary for 4 years).

Assembly Promotion - The District Presidents paraded around in the Chapel with paraphernalia pertaining to the Women's Assembly, which will take place May 14-17, 1998 in Orlando, Florida. Several of the conference officers modeled the collars that will be worn by the Louisiana attendees. If anyone needs more information, they are to contact their district president.

This session ended with the singing of a hymn.

BANQUET

Raddison Hotel - Kenner, Louisiana
Friday, September 19, 1997 6:30 p.m.

After June Sanchez gave the Invocation and Blessing, the Dillard University Quartet, under the directions of Dr. Carver Davenport sang several selections.

Hilda Doakes Sills introduced the speaker, S. Dianna Masters a Women's Division Director.

Message. S. Dianna Masters brought greetings from the Women's Division and the South Central Jurisdiction, where she serves. She also brought greetings from Jerry Williams, President of South Central Jurisdiction, Core Planning Group, and her church, St. Paul UMC in Dallas where her husband is pastor.

Dianna said, "that our theme, "Thy Word Is A Lamp, is one that highlights God's word." "In Him was light, the light was the light of all people." "The scripture also tells us that darkness did not overcome, so if we allow the darkness to overcome our life, then we give satan a foothold in our lives. And we absolutely cannot do that, because when satan gets in your car, he's going to want to drive." "Some of you are and others can become familiar with the thirty-seven chapter of Ezekiel. " Do you know what that scripture is about?" "Dry Bones." . . . "There was no lamp ... and no light in the valley of the dry bones. We must allow God's word to lead us daily, and ...sometimes moment to moment, so that we can be a light to the world..." "God always has to be the head of every decision that we make." Each person was asked to turn to their neighbor and say, "I am the light of where I live." and she said that she wanted us to believe it when we said it.

"In the thirty-seven chapter of Ezekiel, the Lord is saying can these bones live? Jesus responded to similar question with

Nicodemus, how can a person be born again?" "These questions typify our struggle in having to explain the mighty works of the Lord." "Because a lot of times, the mighty works of the Lord are not natural, but supernatural." "And just in case you did not know it, we serve a super and supernatural God." "...We sometimes are hardpressed to try to explain, being born again. When you are truly born, you know that it doesn't have anything to do with entering into your mother's womb." "We have a hard time believing that Jesus walked on the water. ...We sometimes have a hard time explaining being raised from the dead. Jesus died on the cross was buried and in the grave for three days. But Jesus wasn't the only one in the bible that was raised from the dead." ...What about the parting of the red sea? Have you all had any more seas that have been parted, other than when the Lord parted the red sea? Making the sun stand still on the day that Jesus was crucified. All of those are supernatural occurrences that we all believe in. You have to understand, that in order to be light, you too have to be supernatural. You have to stand firm on the word, and stand firm in your faith. And low the bones were dry. ..and the bones were very dry. ...dryness is a word that symbolizes death. ...Sometimes it becomes so dry in our churches... we become sophisticated mature... stoic... ready for First Church of the Frigidaire.

"We don't say Amen, we don't raise our hand, we don't say, thank you Jesus. We say boy was I lucky! Lady luck had nothing to do with it; it is God's Blessings." ..."We don't want anything dry in our daily lives. We don't want a dry sandwich, a dry salad or dry teacher's class or a dry teacher, to teach a dry subject. ..."We don't want to go to no church with dry singing and dry preaching." ..."You want a little excitement in our lives."

...The church that Dianna attends, "they have a hallelujah time, and it not only lasts on Sunday, but it takes them all through the week." When she goes places, people say, there's the lady who loves to hear her husband preach. "Yes she does, because he has a word from the Lord! ..."People would always ask John Wesley why do people come from far and near to hear him preach. And he replied, that when he preaches he sets himself on fire for the Lord, and they come to see him burn!" ..."We need to think about in our churches, UMW circles, ...and on our conference. When was the last time we set ourselves on fire for the Lord."

... "We need to look at what is going on in our churches. ...United Methodist are very organized, ..do things in community and in the world...and one thing they will say about the methodist church is that they are very dry. Hopefully, Not the United Methodist Women... "When I go to speak,...I am used to having a participatory kind of service, I don't want this to be very dry. I want to know that you are out there and the Lord has blessed you. ...The Lord said preach to the bones...The Lord said Ezekiel, I tell you to lecture to the bones, I didn't tell you to pacify the

bones, I didn't tell you to placate the bones, I told you preach to the bones!" ...Ezekiel went back to the valley of the dry bones and said, "bones!, oh bones, Thus said the Word of the Lord! And those bones started rattling, and the mountains began to tremble." "The Lord breathed the breath of life into those bones and covered them with skin, and they stood on their feet and shouted **hallelujah!**" "That's what needs to happen in our churches!" "We need to not have the valley of dry bones in our churches, in our local units, in our district meetings, or in our conference organization." "We need to be like Peter and John, in the third chapter of Acts: Silver and Gold have we none, but we give such as we have.... Jesus..." "We have to stand on God's word, stand firm on God's word, because that is the only way they we are going to be Lamps. This is the only way they we are going to be the Light!"

Dianna shared a few personal experiences where the Lord performed miracles in her life and how He healed her. "She said that when you really want the Lord to answer your prayers, you pray specifically for what you want. And then leave it in God's hands." ..."Eternal life is more important than anything in this entire world." ..."Right now, we need to start living each day as though it may be the last." .."We as Christian Women must always be that light,...we must be the ones to trust in the Lord."

After that inspiring message by S. Dianna Masters, the Cornerstone Group, under the direction of Simmie Belonga rendered several musical selections.

Following the remarks and announcements, Pat led us in a closing prayer.

**Saturday Morning
Lawless Chapel
8:30 a.m.**

After UMW Sings, led by Dolores G. Giles, the Morning Prayer was given by Rev. Patricia Turner-Brown. Hilda D. Sills, led the Litany of Celebration.

Report of Registration: Kay Dupuy, Registrar, reported 433 persons registered for the Annual Meeting.

Project Report:

St. Mark's Community Center. After the special music rendered by St. Mark's Jazz Ensemble Rev. Gregor Dike gave a brief overview of the various programs in operation. Kirk Ford is the director of the children's Jazz Ensemble. They have just completed their first CD entitled, "The First Time Out." Rev. Dike also left brochures with more information about the various programs.

Special Mission Recognition - Pat presented a Special Mission Recognition Pin to the following women who have been ordained as

Diaconal Ministers and Elders:

Ordained Diaconal Ministers:

Mary Jo Babcock, Barbara LaVerne Murray, Inez Daggs Williams and Sharon Duplantis Zehner.

Ordained as Elders:

Ellen J. Blue, Virginia Millett, Ellen B. Montegudo, and Charlotte T. Brent.

Diaconal Ministers may elect to become permanent Deacons. Pat sent special Thank You Cards, with the money being sent to mission in their honor, to the following:

Lusinda M. Warren, Margaret Sue Kelly, Barbara Cain Einsel, Joaquin Garcia-Jimenez, Regina Levinson Wren and Linda Claire Fox.

A Special Recognition Pin was also given to Hilda D. Sills, Chairperson for Annual Meeting and Lottie Palazzo, Assistant Chairperson.

The Pledge Service. The Pledge Service was led by Evelyn Evans, Conference Treasurer.

"Lamplighters"

CONFERENCE TREASURER: As a boy Robert Louis Stevenson was fascinated by the old lamplighter who went about with a ladder and a torch, setting the street lights ablaze for the night. One evening, as the young Robert stood watching, his parents heard him exclaim, "Look, Look! There is a man out there punching holes in the darkness."

As United Methodist Women, we are called to be lamplighters for God, to spread the light of His word, to punch holes in the darkness. We do this with our pledge to mission.

As we receive the Undesignated Pledge from each district, will the members of that district stand. A member from your District will lead you in your response.

ACADIANA DISTRICT TREASURER: "Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, 'You know me and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.'" John 7:28-29

ACADIANA DISTRICT: As United Methodist Women, we will be a lamplighter helping to spread the light of His word so all may know God. Acadiana District pledges \$19,000.00.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT TREASURER: "Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-32

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT: As United Methodist Women, we will be a lamplighter helping to spread the light of His word so all my experience freedom in Christ. Alexandria District pledges \$27,000.00.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT TREASURER: Jesus taught Nicodemus telling him "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT: As United Methodist Women, we will be a lamplighter helping to spread the light of His word so all may know of His love. Baton Rouge District pledges \$41,000.00.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT TREASURER: God sent Christ in the form of a child as the messenger to bring good news to the poor. Christ rebuked those who sought to push children aside, saying: "Whoever received this child in my name receives me." Matthew 18:3-4

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT: As United Methodist Women, we will be a lamplighter helping to spread the light of His word concerning children. Lake Charles District pledges \$41,750.00.

MONROE DISTRICT TREASURER: 1 Corinthians 12:36 reminds us that we are all members of the body of Christ; "if one member suffers, all suffer together with it."

MONROE DISTRICT: As United Methodist Women, we will be a lamplighter helping to spread the light of His word concerning healing. Monroe District pledges \$29,000.00.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT TREASURER: Paul in writing to the Colossians reminds us of the source of peace: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace." Colossians 3:15

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT: As United Methodist Women, we will be a lamplighter helping to spread the light of His word so all may know peace. New Orleans District pledges \$42,640.00.

NORTH SHORE DISTRICT TREASURER: If we are to be witnesses to the light, what does God require of us? "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

NORTH SHORE DISTRICT: As United Methodist Women, we will be a

lamplighter helping to spread the light of His word so all may know justice. North Shore District pledges \$21,500.00.

RUSTON DISTRICT TREASURER: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38

RUSTON DISTRICT: As United Methodist Women, we will be a lamplighter helping to spread the light of His word concerning giving. Ruston District pledges \$30,000.00.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT TREASURER: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT: As United Methodist Women, we will be a lamplighter helping to spread the light of His word so all may see His good works reflected in our deeds. Shreveport District pledges \$47,000.00.

CONFERENCE TREASURER: God's word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. To mirror this light the **LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** pledge \$260,000. Thanks be God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

After the Offertory Prayer and offering The Hand Bell Ensemble from the Kenner United Methodist Church Bell Choir rendered special music.

Morning Message. S. Dianna Masters, Women's Division Director gave the morning message. Her message was entitled, The University of Adversity. The essence of her message was that God is getting us ready for something else. We will have struggles in life and adversity comes in different sizes, shapes, races and circumstances. We are preparing for eternal life. We must always remember that God is with us at all times. All we have to do is call on Him and trust Him.

The Mission Candle was extinguished at 10:26 a.m.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: The officers were installed by Lynn Foil, former President of the New Orleans District. She was assisted by her daughter, Kay Dupuy, a former New Orleans District officer.

INVITATION TO 1998 CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING - Maxie Garrett, President of the Ruston District and Kittie DeFreese extended an invitation to host the 1998 Annual Meeting At Trinity UMC in Ruston, Louisiana, September 18-19. The invitation was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT - Following a few brief remarks by the new president, and proper action by motion, Elouise Sanders declared the Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women adjourned.

Fannie P. Reddix, Secretary
Pat Cobb, President

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Service of Holy Communion was held following the adjournment of Annual Meeting. Dr. Carole Cotton-Winn gave the Communion Meditation focused on having faith in God. Here is an excerpt: ... "Sometimes life puts us in situations we had not planned for. It takes us places, we had not planned to go. It challenges us to do things we did not imagine we could do. It just says, keep on marching, keep on going, keep on being the child of God. And wherever it leads you, God will be there to see you through."

Communion was served by Reverends Helena Wright-Butler, Ellen J. Blue, Wesley C. Reagan, Randall E. Campbell, George A. Duerson, Samuel Walker, Sr., and Dr. Carole Cotton-Winn and Pat Cobb.

SENDING FORTH - Dr. Carole Cotton-Winn ended the service with a prayer.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Two hundred and seventeen men, women and children gathered at Centenary College on July 17 through 20, 1997. They were participants for the Conference School of Christian Mission. Each came with the assurance of a dedicated and spiritually inspired group of study leaders.

The 1997 theme was "Visioning Justice and Hope." The study leaders were: JOSHUA...Mary Lou Blakeman of Monroe; BRAZIL.. Emily McCoy of St. Martinville, Rev. Clifton Conrad, Sr. of Lafayette, Dr. Alonzo Campbell of Baton Rouge, and Rev. M. C. Cady of Blanchard; CHRISTIANS LIVING IN THE MIDST OF A VIOLENT SOCIETY...Dr. J. Phillip Woodland of Baton Rouge, Lois Heath of Baton Rouge, Dr. Joe Elmore and Billye Elmore of LaMesa, CA. These devoted and capable leaders were tremendously appreciated by the school committee.

Jacqueline S. Campbell led the children's school. They studied "A Call to Hope." Eleven Estelle Dameron Scholarships were awarded. The Monroe District won the attendance banner. Schools of Christian Mission continue to be the place where United Methodist Women and others can reflect on their faith journeys, grow in Christian Discipleship and engage in personal and collective action as a result of study.

Harriette Elrod, Dean

1997 LOUISIANA CONFERENCE RETREAT

The 1997 United Methodist Women Conference Retreat was held at the conference center on the weekend of February 28 - March 2. The Louisiana Conference Center, along with its courteous management, provided a wonderful setting for a spiritual retreat experience. The theme of this 10th bi-annual retreat was, "Christian Women: Living As Sisters," reflecting on the story of Ruth and Naomi found in Ruth 1:16-18. The retreat leader, Rev. Leslie Nichols Akin, was inspiring and truly lead by God as she guided us as sisters in reflection of our encounters with life's strokes, splashes and spills. The stimulating leadership of our retreat leader was coupled with inspiring music from Yvette & Larry Weatherton, a young newly wed couple who truly touched us with expressions of their love and witness for Jesus Christ.

In addition to the leadership of our retreat and music leaders, the Lord used the leadership of twenty group leaders from each district and the task force which included Betty Pope as Assistant Chairperson and Evelyn Evans as Registrar, to make this a blessed experience. Overall, the eager participation of more than 150 women in attendance made gathering in small clusters a rich and cuddling experience as we discussed our stories as sisters do. Each small gathering was like a slumber party, but one of focus and direction.

The retreat ended on Sunday with a Holy Communion service as we were fed and served once more spiritually by our retreat leader, Rev. Leslie Akin. Praise be to God for all the things He had done, for He used each of us as sisters and our experiences of life's strokes, splashes and spills to give us a spiritual encounter with Him.

Doris Brown, Chairperson

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING

District Elected Leaders Training (DELT) was held on Saturday, October 25, 1997 at the Louisiana Conference Center with 90 present. There was 100% attendance of the conference officers, retiring and newly elected; ALL of the District Presidents; ALL of the District Secretaries; and ALL of the District Treasurers.

Sue Johnson, executive secretary for leadership education, Women's Division, was our special guest for the day and spoke to the entire group following lunch. Sue's office is at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville, TN. The Louisiana Conference is the only conference in the South Central Jurisdiction that is a part of the Nashville Region.

Fannie P. Reddix, assistant chairperson for this event, was in charge of registration, name tags and room signs.

Registration was scheduled for 9:30 a.m., with officer training groups from 10:00 to 12 noon. The group meeting was at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel and we dismissed at 2:00 p.m. The Conference Center had several other groups there that same day and therefore, some groups had to share small rooms with dividers. Otherwise, it was a great day!!

The Executive Committee meeting at Mid-Year decided that the New Orleans and North Shore District people could come the night before. Therefore, we reserved 6 rooms and we did have 23 spend the night. But, the chair recommends that the Finance Committee draw up some new guidelines on one-day meetings, as it was more expensive to bring two district than the other seven combined. And, it was difficult to explain to others who wanted to come early why they were not on the list of those who were privileged to come the day ahead.

Norma S. Winegeart, Chairperson
Fannie P. Reddix, Assistant Chairperson

DATA SHEET

DISTRICT	MEMBERSHIP*
Acadiana	936
Alexandria	688
Baton Rouge	1621
Lake Charles	1160
Monroe	1030
New Orleans	1327
North Shore	875
Ruston	889
Shreveport	1692

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 10,218.00

*Numbers were taken from district reports
(All units did not give membership total)

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Alexandria	October	4	Pollock UMC, Pollock
Baton Rouge	November	7	TBA
Lake Charles	November	7	DeQuincy UMC, DeQuincy
Monroe	October	10	Hope UMC, Monroe
New Orleans	October	10	Brooks UMC, New Orleans
North Shore	October	10	E. S. Memorial UMC, Bogalusa
Ruston	October	4	Chatham UMC, Chatham
Shreveport	October	11	First UMC, Shreveport

LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE DISTRICT TREASURER

February 15
 May 15
 August 15
 November 15

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March 1
 June 1
 September 1
 December 1

